Annual Report

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

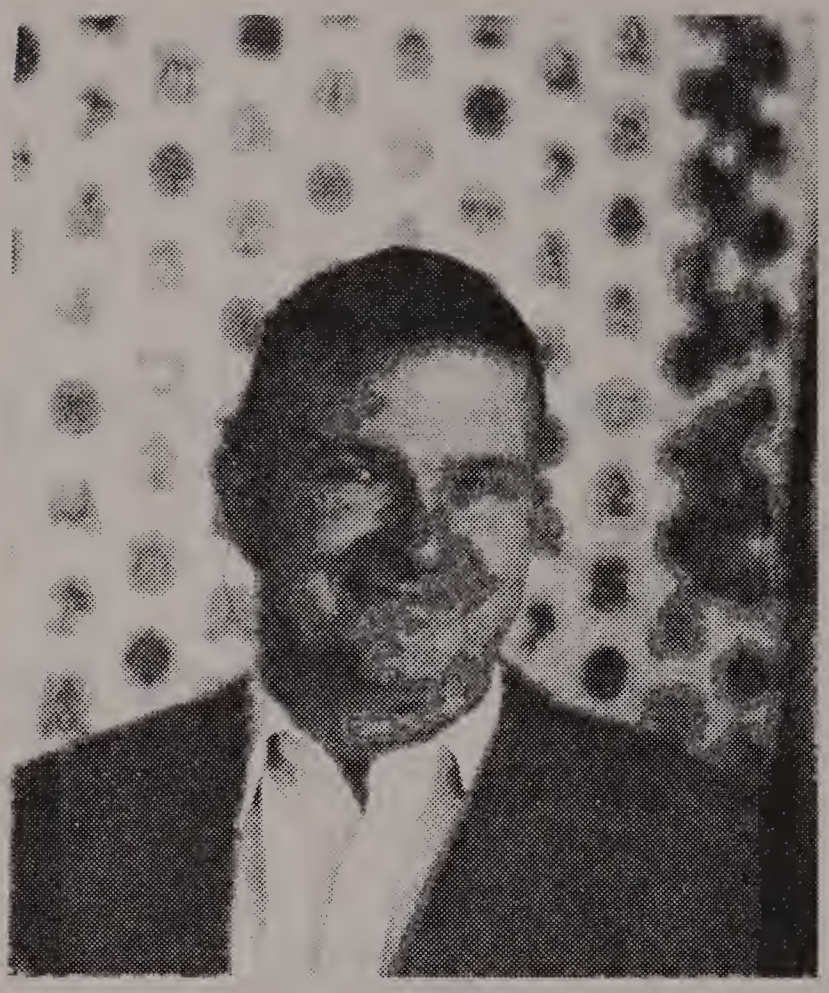
TOWN

OF

WESTHAMPTON

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1986



FRANK W. MUNSON

Westhampton's 1986 Annual Report is dedicated with pleasure, to Frank W. Munson.

Frank is married to the former Ernestine Warren and resides on Stage Road.

Frank, who is a quiet individual, has contributed so much to our Town. He has served on the Recreation Commission from 1959 to 1965, has been a member of the Board of Selectment from 1963 to 1969, serving as its Chairman in 1967; served many years as an Almoner of the Street & Wright Fund; was Chairman of Public Welfare in 1965; served on the Memorial Day Committee; served as Library Trustee; served on the Committee to Investigate Police Salaries; and was one of the original members of the Fire Department when it organized in 1949 and served in that capacity until 1986 – 38 years of volunteer fire service to our Town. In 1965 he was made a special municipal employee as a mechanic for the Fire Department. This was an unpaid position and Frank put in endless hours servicing the trucks and equipment; was there in an emergency -- always willing to give a helping hand.

It is this kind of dedication and devotion to the Town that has helped make it what it is today, and to you Frank, we thank you very much.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

As of January 1, 1986, the Board of Selectmen consisted of Bradford K. Morse, Chairman, William H. Bruneau, Clerk and David K. Bridgman. Margaret Parsons is the Selectmen's Secretary. At the April election Gerald S. Gould was elected to replace William Bruneau, who did not run for reelection. After our reorganizational meeting in April, David K. Bridgman was elected Chairman, Gerald S. Gould, Clerk and Bradford K. Morse. Mr. Morse also served on the Hampshire County Advisory Board and was on the subcommittee to the County Jail and the Registry of Deeds. On September 8, 1986, Bradford Morse resigned his Selectmen's position, when he moved from Town and consequently, in October a Special Caucus was held, at which time Edgard Alward and Nancy Bouthilette were nominated to run for that position. On December 6, 1986, Nancy R. Bouthilette was elected to fill Mr. Morse's term, which expires in April 1987.

This year has been another very active one, with dog hearings, meetings within the town, as well as many throughout the County and State, all of which are beneficial to our community. One such meeting held at the State Department of Public Works in Northampton, was a preconstruction Hearing regarding the Route 66 bridge near Edwards Road. Among other meetings attended was one on town finances held in Hatfield, a Municipal Law Seminar held in March at the Hampshire County Courthouse, meetings by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, meetings with the Town of Amherst on the new fire dispatch agreement, plus quarterly Hampshire County and semi-annual State wide meetings.

This year David K. Bridgman replaced Bradford Morse on the Hampshire County Advisory Board and also serves on subcommittees to the County Jail and House of Correction, County Planning Department and County Purchasing Department. With the passage of the Charter Study Commission, Mr. Bridgman also serves as a member of that Commission. The Hampshire County Advisory Board is made up of Selectmen from each Town in the County, as well as a representative from the City of Northampton. This group meets monthly and during the budget process, meet frequently to review each County Department budget, as well as to advise and discuss problems with the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bridgman also served on the Advisory Committee to review and revise the Massachusetts Selectmen's Handbook. He also serves on the Past President Massachusetts Selectmen's Association and the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts

Interlocal Insurance Association, Inc., and serves on the Board of Trustees for the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association's Workers Compensation Group, Inc.

Gerald S. Gould is the newly elected Chairman of the Hampshire County Solid Waste Task Force, which is studying the future of the Sanitary Landfills in Hampshire County and their alternatives.

The following resignations were received this year:

Charles Inman resigned as Police Chief as of May 31, 1986 and his wife Louise as Police Matron. We wish to thank them both for their many years of dedicated service to the Town.

On June 1, 1986, David T. Huntley was appointed Acting Police Chief.

On April 19, 1986 David K. Bridgman retired after eighteen years as Fire Chief. We also wish to thank Mr. Bridgman for his dedicated years of service.

Richard W. Tracy was appointed to fill the position of Fire Chief.

Other resignations this year:

Betty-Anne Gould resigned as Town Treasurer as of April 5, 1986.

Lydia Omasta resigned after many years as Human Service Coordinator.

Edward Cooper resigned from the Insurance Committee.

John Clark resigned as Police Officer after many dedicated years on the force.

Ronald LaFosse resigned as Veterans' Agent in July due to the family moving from Westhampton.

Oscar Lorow resigned from the Finance Committee when his job took him to the eastern part of the State.

Sidney Montague resigned from the Finance Committee.

Appointments made during the year by the Board of Selectment are as follows:

Margaret Parsons appointed Assistant Treasurer until the April election when she was elected to the position of Treasurer.

Stanley Greenberg appointed to represent the Town on the Council on Aging Hilltown transportation.

Earl R. Gett Sr. was appointed Veterans' Agent.

James E. Bridgman was appointed to the Historical Commission.

David Haines was appointed Tree Warden to fill the position left vacant by the death of Robert W. White who had served the Town in that capacity for years.

Richard Collins was appointed to serve on the Board of Appeals.

Fred Thouin was appointed to the position of Sargeant and Safety Officer in the Police Department.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Center School Committee, a School Building Needs Committee was appointed on July 21, 1986, to study the need for a new elementary school or an alternative plan. The Committee consists of the following members: Daniel Pascone, Chairman, Cynthia Hinckley, Secretary, Lorraine Tunstall, Mary Montague, and Edward Cooper. The Board of Selectmen wishes to thank this Committee for their outstanding, dedicated and thorough investigation into the school needs situation. We hope the residents of the Town will carefully study their report and favorably consider their recommendation at the Annual Town Meeting in April 1987.

A step forward in Town Government occurred when we received a State Grant to hire a three-town circuit rider, with the Towns of Chesterfield and Southampton. After several meetings with the other two towns, we advertised the position and received forty-eight applications from throughout the United States. After careful review of all applicants, the towns interviewed the finalists and unanimously voted to hire Greggory Dillard of Belchertown to fill this position. Mr. Dillard began his duties in September 1986 with his office located in the Southampton Town Hall. Among some of his duties to date have been his work with the School Building Needs Committee, his work with the Planning Board on Plot Plan requirement and an unregistered motor vehicle by-law for town meeting consideration; investigated grants for the Board of Selectmen, such as a grant to renovate the Town Hall and a grant for a new Highway or Fire Department Building. He is also administering the Energy Grant for the Library and Town Hall, investigating State funding sources for a rock retaining wall between the Town Hall and Church building; cable T.V. possibilities, as well as other grant areas.

The Town parking lot was completed this year through a State Off-Street Parking Grant. Also included were street lamps around the town center, which we feel enhances the area. An Ambiance Committee of interested citizens was formed to help beautify the center with flower and shrubbery plantings. The front steps of the Town Hall were recapped for safety reasons.

The lower end of State Road was reconstructed under the STRAP Program.

Through Town Meeting vote, the voters approved the purchase of a used Walter's Truck for the Highway Department, which has proved to be a very worthwhile piece of equipment. Also purchased was a John Deere loader, which townspeople voted for at the April 5, 1986 elections by exempting from Proposition 2½.

A new fire truck was approved and sent out to bid, and is expected in shortly, -- this also approved under a bond issue, exempt from Proposition 2½.

A used Police cruiser, Westhampton's first, was purchased this year. Through a concerted volunteer effort of the Police Department, this vehicle was made ready for their use.

At a Special Town Meeting in October 1986, it was voted to accept a gift of an addition to the Library from the Cole family. This certainly is a most generous gift, and a most appreciative one -- one that will enhance the Library, help the community, add much needed space, a place to educate and be enjoyed by all and be long used and remembered by future generations.

Our deep appreciation and thanks go out to everyone in the community who serve in the many town positions and Boards. We encourage anyone interested in Town Government to contact us. Remember -- serving in a town position can be demanding, chaotic, frustrating, tiring, and unappreciated, but it is never boring and you are giving of yourself to make your community a better place. So, by coming together, it is a beginning, by keeping together, it is progress and working together, it is success!

Your Selectmen meet Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Respectfully submitted,

David K. Bridgman
Gerald S. Gould
Nancy R. Bouthilette

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

General Fund

Balance July 1, 1985	119,954.46
Receipts	1,837,323.77
Disbursements	(1,721,093.71)
Balance June 30, 1986	236,184.52
Cash on Hand	201.71
Hampshire National Bank NOW	2,462.50
Hampshire National Bank Flex	81,837.90
Hampshire National Bank Old Acct.	2,485.25
Hampshire National Bank Off Street	1,071.31
Bank of New England	930.02
Bank of New England Highway	31,543.73
Bay Bank NOW payroll	1,493.19
Bay Bank Stage Road	55,970.77
MMDT	43,015.12
Heritage NIS	15,173.02
	236,184.52

Revenue Sharing Funds

Balance July 1, 1987	51,444.91
Receipts	20,727.01
Disbursements	(14,949.00)
Balance June 30, 1986 MMDT	57,222.92

Trust Funds

Certificate of Deposit Heritage NIS	
Charity	3,380.85
Cemetery	3,700.00

Stabilization

Balance July 1, 1985	93,560.94
Receipts - Transfer from General Fund	7,300.00
Interest	7,048.97
Disbursement	(3,290.52)
Balance June 30, 1986 MDT	104,619.39
Total all funds	405,107.68

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret A. Parsons

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR
FY '86

1980 Motor Vehicle			
due 7/1/85	19.53		
abated	- 19.53		
outstanding			none
1981 Motor Vehicle			
due 7/1/85	245.00		
collected	- 23.75		
abated	- 221.25		
outstanding			none
1982 Motor Vehicle			
due 7/1/85	180.25		
abated	- 106.25		
outstanding			74.00
1983 Motor Vehicle			
due 7/1/85	436.46		
collected	- 22.27		
outstanding			414.19
1984 Motor Vehicle			
due 7/1/85	720.27		
commitment	+ 81.50		
abated	- 2,00		
collected	- 378.50		
outstanding			421.27
1985 Motor Vehicle			
due 7/1/85	4,509.09		
commitment	+ 17,768.79		
abated	- 1,005.97		
refunded		74.37	
collected	- 20,424.71		
overpayment	+ 25.00		
outstanding			872.20
1986 Motor Vehicle			
commitment	42,565.50		
abated	- 685.00		
refunded		208.95	
collected	- 27,054.50		
overpayment	+ 40.88		
outstanding			14,866.88
FY Personal Property			
due 7/1/85	2,218.40		
collected	2,162.00		
outstanding			56.40

FY85 Personal Property			
due 7/1/85	2,845.86		
collected	- 314.36		
outstanding			2,531.50
FY85 Chapter 61A			
due 7/1/85	48.75		
collected	- 48.75		
outstanding			none
FY86 Personal Property			
commitment	20,017.05		
abated	- 279.60		
collected	17,891.80		
refunded		126.52	
outstanding			1,845.65
FY86 Chapter 61			
commitment	431.11		
collected	431.11		
outstanding			none
FY86 Chapter 61A			
commitment	3,573.86		
collected	- 3,275.53		
outstanding			298.33
FY86 Chapter 61B			
commitment	1,800.98		
collected	1,800.98		
outstanding			none
1985 Farm Animal			
commitment	3,277.50		
collected	- 3,277.50		
outstanding			none
1985 In Lieu of Taxes			
commitment	2,307.08		
collected	2,307.08		
outstanding			none
FY84 Real Estate			
due 7/1/85	20,418.46		
collected	- 19,499.14		
tax title	- 919.32		
outstanding			none

FY85 Real Estate			
due 7/1/85	46,577.32		
collected	- 23,622.59		
abated	- 60.18		
tax title	- 1,014.68		
outstanding			21,879.87
FY86 Real Estate			
commitment	652,794.12		
collected	- 607,434.06		
abated	- 8,457.64		
overpayment	+ 52.98		
tax title	- 999.68		
refunded		578.73	
outstanding			35,955.72
Interest collected		6,920.81	

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Ognibene
Collector of Taxes

I have examined the books of the Tax Collector and to the best of my knowledge find the above report to be accurate.

Evelyn Blakesley
Auditor

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTING OFFICER
July 1, 1985 - June 30, 1986

Cash on Hand July 1, 1985		
General		119,954.46
Revenue Sharing		51,444.91
RECEIPTS		
Taxes		
Property	676,480.32	
Farm Animal Excise	3,277.50	
In Lieu of Taxes	2,307.08	
Motor Vehicle Excise	47,912.48	
Tax Title	198.38	730,175.76
Federal Revenue Sharing		16,828.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Local Aid	3,440.04	
Lottery	25,438.00	28,878.04
Grants & Gifts		
Dog Refund	271.64	
Council on Aging Federal	400.00	
Council on Aging State	600.00	
Arts Lottery	1,000.00	
Library Aid	1,580.00	
Rhodes Road Bridge	3,301.00	
STRAP - Stage Road	150,000.00	
Off Street Parking	95,225.00	
Shaine Gift	700.00	253,077.64
General Government		
Licenses	235.00	
Inspectors Fees	1,564.00	
Building Permits	3,708.18	
Treasurer Income	98.35	
Town ClerkLicenses	881.00	
Board of Appeals	61.55	
Copies	28.65	6,576.73
Police		
District Court Fines	1,475.00	
Permits	594.50	
Revolving Fund	552.50	2,622.00
Board of Health		
Licenses & Permits	522.50	
Dump Stickers	2,228.00	2,750.50

Dog Care & Kill		408.00
Schools		
Chapter 70 & 71	90,849.00	
Title I	1,137.00	
Title II	63.00	
School Lunch State	688.67	
School Lunch Federal	2,049.97	
School Lunch Sales	8,279.33	
School Improvement Council	1,340.00	104,406.97
Highway Department		
State Highway Aid		
Cherry Sheet	37,266.00	
Chapter 234	16,774.00	
Chapter 351	10,022.00	
Chapter 811	31,466.00	
Sale of Equipment	3,910.00	
Equipment Rental	260.35	99,698.35
Interest		
On Deposit	13,036.08	
On Taxes	6,920.81	
On Highway Funds	509.99	
On Charity Funds	483.58	
On Cemetery Funds	529.14	
On Revenue Sharing	3,899.01	
On Grants	5,969.76	31,348.37
Temporary Loans		
In anticipation of Revenue	500,000.00	
Highway Reimbursement	33,548.00	
Loader	35,000.00	568,548.00
Refunds		329.55
Agency		
Group Insurance	6,643.38	
Meals Tax	30.97	6,674.35
Land Damage Check redeposited		2,438.00
Transfer from Stabilization		3,290.52
	Total Receipts	$1,858,050.78

PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICER

Appropriation		12,850.00
Expenditures		
Assessors	1,700.00	
Selectmen	1,950.00	
Town Clerk	1,250.00	
Tax Collector	1,250.00	
Treasurer	2,000.00	
Auditor	75.00	
School Committee	400.00	
Board of Health	150.00	
Moderator	125.00	
Clerk, Bd. of Registrars	50.00	
Accounting Officer	1,900.00	
Veterans' Agent	100.00	
Building Inspector	500.00	
Wiring Inspector	150.00	
Plumbing & Gas Inspector	200.00	
Sanitation Inspector	50.00	
Dues	618.00	
Election Workers	134.00	
Bond	189.00	12,791.00
Balance closed to Revenue		59.00

ASSESSOR EXPENSE

Balance Forward		6,732.25
Appropriation		3,200.00
Expenditures		
Registry Transfers	59.25	
Consultant	9,196.00	
Lien	10.00	
Supplies	193.65	9,458.90
Balance closed to Revenue		473.35

CLERICAL HIRE

Appropriation		1,200.00
Expenditures		
Assessor's Secretary	500.00	
Selectmen's Secretary	550.00	
Census Taker	150.00	1,200.00
Balance		0

TOWN HALL

Appropriation		2,500.00
Expenditures		
Custodian	620.00	
Lawns	105.00	
Electricity	89.03	
Water	141.00	
Repairs	148.70	
Front Steps	988.00	
Supplies	73.22	
Ambiance Committee	40.40	2,205.45
Carried forward to refinish floor		250.00
Balance closed to Revenue		44.55

TRAVEL EXPENSE

Appropriation		1,000.00
Expenditures		
Town Clerk	21.00	
Selectment	693.00	
Treasurer	46.74	
Accounting Officer	75.00	
Highway	70.00	
Building Inspector	70.38	
Fire Chief	15.00	991.12
Balance closed to Revenue		8.88

POSTAGE & TELEPHONE

Appropriation			3,200.00
Transfer from Veterans			250.00
Expenditures			
Postage			
Assessors	88.00		
Town Clerk	115.39		
Selectmen	66.00		
Treasurer	514.60		
Collector	404.00		
Police	22.00	1209.99	
Telephone			
Police	487.26		
Fire	568.65		
Highway	792.67		
Town Hall	384.97	2233.55	3,443.54
Balance closed to Revenue			6.46

PRINTING & SUPPLIES

Appropriation			3,500.00
Expenditures			
Legal Notices	696.16		
Loan Fees	110.00		
Town Reports	840.00		
Tax Bills	180.00		
Forms	257.60		
Supplies	406.03		
Copier Supplies	405.65		2,895.44
Carried forward for By-laws			400.00
Balance closed to Revenue			204.56

CIVIL DEFENSE

Appropriation	100.00
Balance closed to Revenue	100.00

CONSTABLE

Appropriation	10.00
Balance closed to Revenue	10.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		2,000.00
Transfer from Veterans		300.00
Transfer from Unemployment		500.00
Expenditures		
Equipment & Supplies	1,778.09	
Repairs	460.94	
EMT Equipment	524.74	2,763.77
Balance closed to Revenue		36.23

FIRE CHIEF & FOREST WARDEN

Appropriation	500.00
Expenditure: Salary	500.00
Balance	0

POLICE CHIEF

Appropriation	500.00
Expenditure: Salary	500.00
Balance	0

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		6,000.00
Expenditures		
Salary	2,606.33	
Travel	620.82	
Electricity	167.04	
WMLEC	125.00	
Dues	70.00	
Supplies	373.93	
Repairs	55.00	
Radar Certification	87.50	
Equipment	1,889.89	5,995.51
Balance closed to Revenue		4.49

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation	100.00
Expenditure: Spring Testing	72.00
Balance closed to Revenue	28.00

CEMETERY

Appropriation	1,450.00
Expenditure: Caretaker's Salary	1,450.00
Balance	0

CONSERVATION

Appropriation	25.00
Balance closed to Revenue	25.00

COUNCIL ON AGING

Appropriation		700.00
Expenditures		
Transportation Assessment	300.00	
Dues	30.00	
Use of Church	200.00	
Meal Costs & Supplies	170.00	700.00
Balance		0

DOG OFFICER

Appropriation	75.00
Expenditure	33.00
Balance closed to Revenue	42.00

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Appropriation	1.00
Balance closed to Revenue	1.00

TOWN DUMP

Appropriation		5,616.00
Transfer from Counsel Fees		64.00
Expenditures:		
Salary	4,485.00	
Dump Stickers	160.00	
Hazardous Waste Clean-Up	1,035.00	5,680.00
Balance		0

VETERANS

Appropriation	1,000.00
Transfer to Postage & Telephone	250.00
Fire Department	300.00
Stabilization	150.00
Insurance & Bonds	300.00
Balance	0

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Appropriation	235,076.00
Assessment	221,729.00
Transfer to Walter's Truck	2,500.00
Insurance & Bonds	5,163.00
Stabilization	5,684.00
Balance	0

CENTER SCHOOL

Appropriation	336,000.00
Encumbered funds	16,631.16
Expenditures (see school report for detail)	334,839.82
Encumbered to Fiscal 1987	15,857.73
Balance closed to Revenue	1,933.61

LIBRARY

Appropriation		8,428.70
Dog Refund		97.30
State Aid		1,580.00
Expenditures:		
Books	2,152.52	
Magazines	390.22	
Supplies	384.29	
Salaries	5,254.33	
Fuel	741.27	
Telephone	186.50	
Electricity	296.45	
Maintenance	89.62	
Equipment/Computer	610.80	10,106.00
Balance		0

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation	100.00
Expenditure:	
Ice Cream	16.72
Balance closed to Revenue	83.28

RECREATION

Appropriation	100.00
Expenditures:	
Equipment	69.00
Balance closed to Revenue	31.00

HIGHWAY SALARIES

Appropriation		59,000.00
Expenditures:		
Regular Salary	56,807.63	
Overtime	724.99	
Part-time	59.38	57,592.00
Transfer to Mat. & Construction		1,000.00
Balance closed to Revenue		408.00

HOLIDAY PAY

Appropriation	1,469.52
Expenditure	1,469.52
Balance	0

VACATION PAY

Appropriation	2,733.20
Expenditure	2,733.20
Balance	0

BRIDGES & RAILINGS

Appropriation	1,000.00
Expenditure	216.15
Balance closed to Revenue	783.85

ROAD MACHINERY

Appropriation		13,000.00
Reserve Fund Transfer		1,400.00
Transfer from Road Machinery Fuel		700.00
Check Returned		192.50
Expenditures:		
Parts	7,067.21	
Hired Repairs	2,450.36	
Tires & Chains	3,253.04	
Lubricants	1,151.05	
Misc. Supplies	1,365.26	15,286.92
Balance closed to Revenue		5.58

HIGHWAY MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation		48,000.00
Transfer from Highway Salaries		1,000.00
Expenditures:		
Parking Lot-Town Share	14,844.20	
Hired Equipment	1,744.63	
Surface Materials	29,434.42	
Pipes & Catch Basins	231.72	
Signs	475.78	
Roadside Mowing	1,350.50	
Petty Cash	30.07	
Misc. Supplies	815.60	48,926.92
Balance closed to Revenue		73.08

ROAD MACHINERY & FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDINGS

Appropriation		2,500.00
Expenditures:		
Electricity	459.15	
Fuel	1,776.50	
Repairs & Maintenance	194.57	
Supplies	69.39	2,499.61
Balance closed to Revenue		.39

ROAD MACHINERY FUEL

Appropriation	9,000.00
Expenditures: Fuel	7,671.14
Transfer to Road Machinery	700.00
Balance closed to Revenue	628.86

PICKUP TRUCK

Appropriation - From Stablization	3,400.00
Expenditure: Lease Purchase	3,290.52
Balance credited to Stabilization	109.48

WALTER'S TRUCK

Balance Forward	7,500.00
Transfer from HRHS	2,500.00
Expenditure: Purchase of Truck	10,000.00
Balance	0

HIGHWAY RADIOS

Transfer from Unemployment	1,500.00
Balance forward to Fiscal 1987	1,500.00

TREE REMOVAL

Appropriation	200.00
Expenditures: Tree Work	160.00
Balance closed to Revenue	40.00

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation		20,000.00
Expenditures:		
Salary - Regular Crew	2,814.54	
Part-Time	131.26	
Hired Equipment	372.00	
Sand	5,794.62	
Salt	6,365.57	
Supplies	3,493.27	
Repairs	1,028.74	20,000.00
Balance		0

COUNTY RETIREMENT

Appropriation	11,158.00
Expenditure	11,158.00
Balance	0

COUNSEL FEES

Appropriation		1,500.00
Expenditures:		
Town Attorney	961.52	
Other Counsel	200.00	1,161.52
Transfer to Town Dump		64.00
Balance closed to Revenue		274.48

GROUP INSURANCE

Appropriation		17,500.00
Expenditures:		
Blue Cross	13,585.05	
Valley Health	3,417.45	
Aetna	286.45	17,288.95
Balance closed to Revenue		211.05

HISTORICAL

Appropriation		500.00
Expenditures:		
Electricity	133.90	
Materials	333.44	467.34
Balance closed to Revenue		32.66

INSURANCE & BONDS

Appropriation		20,000.00
Reserve Fund Transfers		3,500.00
Transfer from HRHS		5,163.00
Veterans		300.00
Expenditures:		
Workmen's Comp.	4,265.00	
Property	9,623.00	
Auto	6,762.00	
Umbrella Liability	3,135.00	
Public Officials	1,164.00	
Law Enforcement	2,626.00	
Police Disability	370.00	
Bonds	350.00	
EMT Liability	649.00	28,944.00
Balance closed to Revenue		19.00

INTEREST ON TEMPORARY LOANS

Appropriation	11,000.00
Refund	27.45
Expenditures:	10,826.37
Balance closed to Revenue	201.08

LAND DAMAGE

Appropriation	500.00
Transfer to Stabilization	466.00
Balance closed to Revenue	34.00

UNEMPLOYMENT

Appropriation	3,000.00
Transfer to Fire Department	500.00
Highway Radios	1,500.00
Stabilization	1,000.00
Balance	0

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		5,000.00
Transfer to Insurance & Bonds	3,500.00	
Transfer to Road Machinery	1,400.00	4,900.00
Balance closed to Revenue		100.00

NON-APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES

State Highway Funds

Chapter 234	16,774.00
Expenditure-Blacktop-North Road	16,774.00
Balance	0
Chapter 351	4,773.25
Expenditure-Seal Northwest Road	4,773.25
Balance	0
Chapter 637	18,869.78
Interest	428.69

Expenditures:		
Service Charges	24.56	
Pave Center of Town	18,505.11	
Processed Gravel	768.80	19,298.47
Balance		0
Chapter 811		31,466.00
Interest		81.30
Expenditures:		
Service Charge		3.57
Balance forward to Fiscal 1987		31,543.73
Tax Refunds		
Property Tax		791.16
Motor Vehicle Excise		493.36
Payroll Deductions		
Health Insurance		6,303.75
Life Insurance		102.95
Revolving Funds & Grants		
School Lunch Program		11,213.57
Meals Tax		30.97
Stage Road - STRAP		
Hired Equipment	51,447.59	
Surface Materials	15,150.68	
Pipes & Catch Basins	18,493.86	
Blasting	12,200.00	
Misc. Supplies	1,747.84	
Service Charges	11.24	99,051.21
Balance forward Fiscal 1987		55,970.77
Off Street Parking		
Hired Equipment	88,121.52	
Electrical Service	3,026.00	
Supplies	3,953.95	95,101.47
Balance Forward Fiscal 1987		1,071.31

Arts Lottery	700.00
Bylaw Grant	3,000.00
Safety Grant	121.13
Shaine Library Gift	200.00
Shaine Police Gift	200.00
State Council on Aging	420.00
Federal Council on Aging	320.00
Chapter I School	1,137.00
Title II School	60.00
School Improvement Council	1,340.00
Professional Development Grant	60.00
Police Revolving HRHS	552.50
Dog Licenses to Hampshire County	668.50
Dog Care & Kill	246.00
Street & Wright	270.51
Cemetery Fund	145.00
Loans	
Highway	55,922.00
In anticipation of Revenue	500,000.00
State and County Assessments	
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	170.55
Air Pollution	220.00
Audit	1,930.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	167.00
Hampshire County Tax	32,039.23
Hampshire County Hospital	2,204.71
Transfer to Stabilization Fund	7,300.00
IRS Penalty	168.21
Service Charges	461.21

Total General Fund Expenditures
1,721,093.71

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS
FIRE RADIOS

Appropriation	2,000.00
Expenditure	2,000.00
Balance	0

FIRE TURNOUT GEAR

Appropriation	3,100.00
Expenditure	3,092.00
Balance forward to Fiscal 1987	8.00

INSURANCE & BONDS

Balance forward	373.47
Expenditure	357.00
Balance closed to Revenue	16.47

TAX MAPPING

Balance Forward	12,196.00
Appropriation	14,850.00
Expenditure	9,500.00
Balance Forward to Fiscal 1987	17,546.00
Total Revenue Sharing Expended	14,949.00
Total all Expenditures	1,736,042.71

RECAPITULATION

Town Officer	12,791.00
Assessor Expense	9,458.90
Clerical Hire	1,200.00
Town Hall	2,205.45
Travel Expense	991.12
Postage & Telephone	3,443.54
Printing & Supplies	2,895.44
Fire Department	2,763.77
Fire Chief	500.00
Police Chief	500.00
Police Department	5,995.51
Board of Health	72.00
Cemetery	1,450.00
Council on Aging	700.00

Dog Officer	33.00
Town Dump	5,680.00
Hampshire Regional	221,729.00
Center School	334,839.82
Library	10,106.00
Memorial Day	16.72
Recreation	69.00
Highway Salaries	57,592.00
Holiday Pay	1,469.52
Vacation Pay	2,733.20
Bridges & Railings	216.15
Road Machinery	15,286.92
Highway Materials	48,926.92
Road Machinery Buildings	2,499.61
Road Machinery Fuel	7,671.14
Pick-up Lease Purchase	3,290.52
Walter's Truck	10,000.00
Snow Removal	20,000.00
Tree Removal	160.00
County Retirement	11,158.00
Counsel Fees	1,161.52
Group Insurance	17,288.95
Historical	467.34
Insurance & Bonds	28,944.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	10,826.37
Chapter 234	16,774.00
Chapter 351	4,773.25
Chapter 637	19,298.47
Chapter 811	3.57
Tax Refunds	1,284.52
Payroll Deduction	6,406.70
School Lunch Program	11,213.57
Meals Tax	30.97
Stage Road	99,051.21
Off Street Parking	95,101.47
Arts Lottery	700.00
Bylaw Grant	3,000.00
Safety Grant	121.13
Shaine Library Gift	200.00
Shaine Police Gift	200.00
State Council on Aging	420.00
Federal Council on Aging	320.00
Chapter I	1,137.00
Title II	60.00
School Improvement Council	1,340.00
Professional Development Grant	60.00
Police Revolving HRHS	552.50

Dog Licenses to Hampshire County		668.50
Dog Care & Kill		246.00
Street & Wright		270.51
Cemetery Fund		145.00
Loans		555,922.00
Pioneer Valley Planning		170.55
Air Pollution		220.00
Audit		1,930.00
Motor Vehicle Bills		167.00
Hampshire County Tax		32,039.23
Hampshire County Hospital		2,204.71
Transfer to Stabilization		7,300.00
IRS Penalty		168.21
Service Charges		461.21
Revenue Sharing	Fire Radios	2,000.00
	Fire Turnout Gear	3,092.00
	Insurance	357.00
	Tax Mapping	9,500.00

Total All Expenditures		1,736,042.71

Cash on Hand June 30, 1986

General	236,184.52	
Revenue Sharing	57,222.92	293,407.44

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret A. Parsons
Accounting Officer

TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1986

ASSETS

Cash	236,184.52
Taxes	
Levy 1986	
Real Estate	35,795.60
Personal	1,845.65
Chapter 61A	451.33
Chapter 61B	368.63
Levy 1985	
Real Estate	21,875.68
Personal	2,531.50
Levy 1984	
Personal	56.40
Motor Vehicle Excise	
Levy 1986	14,234.38
1985	937.67
1984	465.93
1983	406.91
1982	180.25
1981	221.25
1980	19.53
Tax Title	3,255.99
State Underestimates	
Hampshire County Tax	1,731.38
Due From Revolving Funds	
School Lunch Program	1,421.32
Dog Care & Kill	10.00
State Aid to Highway	16,826.46
Unprovided Accounts	
Safety Grant	1,485.00
Professional Development Grant	60.00
	340,365.38

GENERAL FUND

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Taxes Chapter 61	78.09
State Overestimates	
County Hospital	1,731.44
Payroll Deductions	
Health Insurance	862.04
Life Insurance	16.26
Payroll Taxes	33.15
Grants Title II	3.00
Stage Road	55,970.77
Off Street Parking	1,071.31
Rhodes Road Bridge	3,301.00
Arts Lottery	782.00
Blacksmith Shop-Shaine	100.00
Fire Dept. - Shaine	200.00
Council on Aging-State	613.54
Council on Aging-Federal	260.00
State Aid to Libraries	1,580.00
County Dog Refund	271.64
Revolving Funds	
Dog Licenses	550.25
Interest on Trusts	
Street & Wright	203.56
Thayer	434.34
Cemetery	883.73
Anticipation Highway Loan	16,774.00
Highway Equipment Loan	35,000.00
Revenue Reserved Until Collected	
MVE Revenue	16,465.92
Tax Title	3,255.99
Aid to Highway	16,824.00
Overlay Reserved for Abatement	
1984	1,889.90
1985	5,595.13
1986	6,202.13
Overlay Surplus	1,010.26
Appropriation Balances	
Town Hall	250.00
Printing & Supplies	400.00
Center School-Encumbered	15,857.73
Chapter 811	31,543.73
Highway Radios	1,500.00
Surplus Revenue	118,850.47
	340,365.38

TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1986

REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

ASSETS

Cash	57,222.92
	57,222.92

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Tax Mapping	17,546.00
Landfill	12,477.45
Police Office	700.00
Safety Equipment	370.83
Water Testing	952.00
Fire Turn-Out Gear	8.00
Surplus Revenue	25,168.64
	57,222.92

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
July 1, 1985 – June 30, 1986

BIRTHS

July 4, 1985	Allison Jacques Fleischner, daughter to Robert Dixon and Cynthia Marie (Jacques) Fleischner
July 25, 1985	Melissa Lucy Clark, daughter to Nathan Andrew and Laura Jean (Laprade) Clark
August 1, 1985	Jacy Merrington Armenti, daughter to James and Roberta Ann (Merrington) Armenti
August 3, 1985	Brian Patrick Gillett, son to Gary Alan and Patricia Anne (McCaulley) Gillett
August 20, 1985	Kerry Ann Worthen, daughter to Russell Sumner and Constance Ann (Deren) Worthen
September 9, 1985	Shannon Marisa Brown, daughter to Christopher Raymond and Kristine Marisa (Stockley) Brown
September 29, 1985	Jacques Andrew Marchand, son to Gerard Joseph and Jeannette Lee (Tucker) Marchand
October 18, 1985	Lee Edward Parsons, son to Edward Allan and Trina Ann (Stratton) Parsons
November 18, 1985	Rosa Edith Ferris, daughter to John Dana and Rachel Helen (Jenkins) Ferris
November 26, 1985	Dana John Nevins, son to Paul Edward, Jr., and Michele Jean (Veivia) Nevins
December 9, 1987	Jackie Loud Ledoux, daughter to Donald Richard and Suzanne May (Loud) Ledoux
December 10, 1985	Sabrina Marie Willard, daughter to William Thomas, Jr. and Lynn Marie (Loud) Willard

January 7 1986	Joel Gerard Morin, son to David Roy and Nancy Ann (Oshepa) Morin
January 22, 1986	Becky Lyn Fritz, daughter to John Henry and Sara Lyn (Johnston) Fritz
February 14, 1986	Joshua David Warren, son to David John and Susan Theresa (Heath) Warren
February 20, 1986	Rebekah Suzanne Dutkiewicz, daughter to Thomas John and Debra Ann (Smith) Dutkiewicz
February 24, 1986	Stephen William Manley, son to Wayne Donald and Marie Jane (Carrier) Manley
March 4, 1986	Jessica Claire Wright, daughter to Joel Kenneth and Donna Dee (Messier) Wright
June 6, 1986	Jonathan Paul Cooper, son to Edward Russell and Lynn Doris (Kleissler) Cooper

MARRIAGES

July 20, 1985	Scott William Johnson, Sunderland Jennifer Mae Jones, Sunderland
September 13, 1985	Charles Howard Loud, Westhampton Betty Ann Bernard, Ludlow
September 14, 1985	Michael Robert Martin, Westhampton Susan Elizabeth Hayes, Westhampton
October 5, 1985	Stephen Bowne Leonard, W'ton Karen Elaine Nicholes, Westhampton
December 20, 1985	Gerald Joseph Bouthilette, W'ton Nancy June (Goulet) Rogers, W'ton

DEATHS

		Age
July 1, 1985	Louise Bridgman	90
November 4, 1985	Glade P. Hall	81
November 21, 1985	Florence Clapp	97
January 5, 1986	William Elmer Lyman	94
January 11, 1986	Louis H. Rogers, Jr.	54
March 6, 1986	Maurice L. Hayes	92
April 22, 1986	William A. Howard	87
May 29, 1986	Irene C. Delisle	66
June 16, 1986	Robert W. White	59
June 19, 1986	Lois Anne	39

DOG LICENSES

Licenses Issued:

119 Male	@ $3.00	$357.00	
8 Female	@ 6.00	48.00	
129 Spayed	@ 3.00	387.00	
11 Kennel	@ 10.00	110.00	
1 Kennel	@ 25.00	25.00	
3 Kennel	@ 50.00	150.00	
			$1,077.00
Paid to Town Treasurer		$873.75	
Retained 271 Fees @ $.75 ea.		203.25	$1,077.00

FISH AND WILDLIFE LICENSES

Licenses Issued:

99 Resident Fishing	@ 12.50	$1,237.50	
76 Resident Hunting	@ 12.50	950.00	
78 Resident Sporting	@ 19.50	1,521.00	
11 Minor Fishing	@ 6.50	71.50	
6 Non-Res. Cit. Fish.	@ 17.50	105.00	
4 Non-Res. 7-day Fish.	@ 11.50	46.00	
1 Resident Trapping	@ 20.50	20.50	
10 Duplicates	@ 2.00	20.00	
4 Non-Res. Hunt (Big Game)	@ 48.50	194.00	
15 Res. Cit. Sptg. (Over 70)	@ free	-0-	
3 Res. Cit. Fish. (Age 65-69)	@ 6.25	18.75	
1 Res. Cit. Hunt. (Age 65-69)	@ 6.25	6.25	
47 Archery/Black Powder Stamps	@ 5.10	239.70	
11 Waterfowl Stamps	@ 1.25	13.75	
1 May 1985 Res. Fishing corrected to Non-Res. Fish.		5.00	
			$4,448.95
Paid to Division of Fisheries & Wildlife		$4,300.00	
Retained 283 fees @ $.50		141.50	
Retained 11 fees @ $.25		2.75	
Retained 47 fees @ $.10		4.70	
			$4,448.95

OTHER RECEIPTS

2 Board of Appeals Hearings @ $25.00	$ 50.00	
Paid to Town Treasurer		$ 50.00

Population of Westhampton as of January 1, 1986 – 1,242

Number of Registered Voters:

Democrats	112
Republicans	100
Independents	526
Total	738

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne C. Bridgman
Westhampton Town Clerk

I have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk and find them to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn D. Blakesley
Town Auditor

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

There continues to be steady growth in home construction and valuation. We have inspected 64 properties on which there was building activity in 1986. The total town value is now $56,132,300: real property is $43,482,800, personal property is $1,442,600 and exempt property is $11,206,900.

Public viewings of preliminary tax maps were held in the summer and fall. The maps were not quite complete at year's end; they will be ready early in 1987.

During the summer of 1986, United Appraisal Company inspected about half the properties in town as the first stage in the required 100% revaluation for FY '89. They will continue this work during the coming year. Your continued patience with these inspections is appreciated.

In early October the tax rate was set at $16.00 per $1000 of valuation. Tax bills were sent out on October 27. We appreciate the cooperation we receive from the Tax Collector and other town officials.

The board meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Assessors Office to assist property owners with any problems with valuations or abatements.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Assessors
Priscilla A. Miller, Chairman
John F. Shaw, Jr.
Euthecia Hancewicz

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

On January 1, 1986 the Finance Committee was made up of:

Leroy Douchkoff, Chairman	Term expires 1987
Richard I. Tracy	1987
Lydia C. Omasta, Secretary	1987
Lorraine Tunstall	1987
Sidney Montague	1988
H. David Goddard	1988
David Cole	1988
Paul Nevins, Jr.	1988
Oscar Lorow	1986
Almet Huntley, Jr.	1986

From February 3 through April 4 there were 8 meetings concerned with the budget requests for the Annual Town Meeting. The average attendance was 8 and took an average of 2½ hours.

On January 1, 1986 the Reserve Fund had a balance of $1500.00. On March 25 an amount of $1400.00 was transferred to the Road Machinery account. At the end of FY '86 $100.00 was left and this was sent back to the General Fund.

After the election on April 5 the Finance Committee did not change members as incumbents were again elected. The group organized with Oscar Lorow as chairman and Lydia Omasta as secretary. Sidney Montague resigned on July 13 and Paul Babcock was appointed. Oscar Lorow resigned on September 8 and Daniel Duffy was appointed on September 22. H. Davis Goddard was elected the chairman.

From April 10 to December 31 another 6 meetings were held with 7 average attending and taking 1½ hours.

Fiscal year 1987 (July 1, 1986 to June 30, 1987) began with a Reserve Fund of $5000.00. On November 24, $1000.00 was transferred to Insurance and Bonds account, $560.00 to Town Officers account, $600.00 to Group Insurance and $500.00 to the Board of Health. After these transfers the balance was $2,340.00 on December 31, 1986.

This committee meets at the Regional High School or in the Town Hall as needed. All voters are welcomed to attend and give input or get background information about decisions the committee makes.

Respectfully submitted,
Lydia C. Omasta
Secretary

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

This, my first year as your Fire Chief, has been a very busy one and I still feel I am behind and trying to catch up. Fortunately, all the activity has not been caused by fires.

We had no serious structure fires in 1986 and our 20 truck runs were mostly for brush, chimney and auto fires. One chemical incident, several auto accidents, and two downed power lines completed our calls.

With funds voted at Annual Town Meeting, we purchased seven pagers bringing our total to 18, and with $1500.00 from the Association funds, we purchased five more. We felt this was enough to get us started with the Hampshire County Dispatch System and on August 1st we officially went to that program. This method seems to be working well as all fighters are now notified simultaneously. To report a fire, all callers must call the Amherst phone number which is on your telephone sticker. If anyone needs more stickers, they may contact any fire fighter or the Town Clerk. For other Fire Department business, call the Chief or either deputy at their homes. During this period of transition, Jeffrey Brooks gathered information and published a fire safety booklet to be used toward his Boy Scout Eagle Award. He then organized the other Scouts into teams with Firemen to help with the distribution of these booklets and the telephone stickers. We certainly appreciate Jeff's efforts and hope it was a valuable experience for him.

At a Special Town Meeting on June 30th, it was voted to borrow $85,000 for the purchase of a new Pumper Truck. The contract was awarded to Greenwood Fire Apparatus, Inc. for an Emergency One pumper equipped with a 1000 gallon per minute pump. We expect to accept delivery of this truck before you receive this report. Having two pumper trucks should greatly improve our flexibility and reliability and certainly will improve our water shuttle capabilities.

We have acquired, from Government Surplus, a four wheel drive pickup truck which we are currently tuning up to put into service. Although this is not as new or as powerful a truck as we had hoped for, we feel it is in better condition than our present forestry truck and will serve until a better one is available. We hope the voters at Annual Town Meeting will approve funds to purchase a larger portable pump and necessary equipment to mount on this truck.

Our personnel remain very faithful and I thank them for their support and service. Everyone expresses their sincerest appreciation to David Bridgman for his 18 years of leadership as our Chief. We are glad he is continuing on as a member of the Department. Wayne J. Buzzee and Kenneth Blow have been named Deputies to serve with me in leading the Department. We accepted with regret the resignations of Frank Munson, Murray Clapp, Charles Inman and Garry Anderson. Frank and Murray were charter members of the Department each serving over 35 years. Fortunately, there are enough interested citizens to keep our membership full. David Warren, Edward Fisher, Jonathan Lees, Frank Jurkowski, and Michael Holt have joined us in 1986.

Our newest branch of service, the E.M.T.'s have had a busy year responding to medical emergencies, and continuing their

training and upgrading of equipment. E.M.T.'s Douchkoff, Miller & Keefe completed training and passed the State Exam covering the use of MAST Pants. We were sad to lose the services of E.M.T.'s Virginia Inman and Carol Inman. We appreciate the substantial commitment that is required to be an E.M.T. and would welcome anyone who feels they can make that commitment. We have a close working relationship with our neighboring fire departments, especially Southampton, whose personnel cover our town with their ambulance service. We feel having our own E.M.T. service to respond before the ambulance arrives, and their ability to work closely with the ambulance personnel, has given the people of Westhampton a greatly enhanced level of emergency medical protection.

We have received several gifts of money during the year for which we are especially appreciative. These gifts are usually used to purchase items of equipment which otherwise we would not be able to obtain. We also received an anonymous gift to be used for E.M.T. training. Thank you to all.

Richard W. Tracy
Fire Chief

Fire Department Responses:	
Truck Runs	20
Burning Permits	259
Smoke Detector Inspections	40
Oil Heating Inspections	18
E.M.T. Responses:	
Medical Emergencies	14
Auto Accidents	4
Auto Fatalities	1
Non Emergencies	4
	23

POLICE REPORT FOR YEAR 1986

This year brought a number of changes in the Police Department. In May Charles Inman resigned as Chief, and Louise Inman and John Clark resigned their positions as Officers. Their many years of dedicated service to our town is appreciated. In June David Huntley was appointed as the new Chief. In October Fred Thouin was promoted to Sergeant and Safety Officer. The addition of our cruiser has been an advantage to the department and to the town. We have been running radar and patrols on a regular basis. We now have an office in the Town Hall which is located at the Main entrance. The Officers all participated in many hours of recertification courses; handgun, CPR, First Responder, Night Stick, and a 7 week Police Referesher Course. All courses are mandatory. The Department was also represented at the monthly meetings of the Western Mass. Chiefs and the Hilltown Police Association. Gun registration is held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Following is a resume of calls in 1986:

Accidents	36
Ambulance Assistance	8
Arrests	5
Assistance Calls	6
Breaking & Entering	8
Burglar Alarms	29
Stolen Cars	2
Court Appearance	24
Dog Calls	77
Domestic Problems	31
Drug Problems	2
H.R.H.S.	10
Information	219
Larceny	5
Vandalism	9
Missing Persons	1
Obscene & Annoyance	2
Radar/Patrol	37
Vacation House Checks	25
Suspicious Person/Car	27
Trespassing	8
Vehicle Assistance/Lockout	4
Warrants	2
Summons	20
Suicide Attempt	1
Hostage	1
Miscellaneous Calls	28

Monies turned into town include:

Pistol Permits, F.I.D.'s and Ins. Reports	$ 429.00
Money returned from Court	1275.00

I wish to thank all the townspeople and officers who donated many hours working on the cruiser and the office in the Town Hall. A sincere thanks to the Police Officers for their dedication and cooperation to the Department. We will continue to serve the town to the best of our ability, and we appreciate your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
David T. Huntley
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Westhampton Board of Health again reports a very busy and successful year. This year we instituted our first annual fee for landfill stickers at $10.00 each. The Board of Health, with the city of Northampton, conducted its first household hazardous waste collection day and received a 50% reimbursement grant from the State. The town's landfill was inspected by the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering and subsequently, the Board of Health entered into a contract with Huntley Associates Inc. to provide engineering services for the life of the landfill. The engineering services contract will provide quarterly groundwater monitoring and analysis and engineering reports. State-of-the-art groundwater monitoring wells were installed at the landfill in 1986. As required, an intermediate semi-pervious cover was applied on the landfill in an effort to divert run-off and reduce leachate. The Board also voted a 6% raise for the landfill operators. The Board of Health tested the private drinking water supplies of homes adjacent to the landfill.

The Board also issued eleven (11) disposal works installers permits and witnessed 36 perc tests. In what may be its most significant decision, the Board voted unanimously to change the required perc rate for subsurface disposal systems from 30 minutes per inch to 20 minutes per inch. Due to extreme hardship, the Board did, however, vote to approve a variance to the state sanitary code - Title V.

The Board conducted a rabies clinic on June 14 and investigated one housing code violation and responded to one citizen complaint of excessive flies.

The following licensing inspections were conducted:

1. Outlook Farm
2. Loudville Store
3. Westhampton General Store
4. Fuller Horse Farm
5. Windy Acres Campground
6. Westhampton Water Co. Reservoir
7. Colchester Egg Farm

In conjunction with the Council on Aging, a flu clinic was held and 40 flu shots were administered.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy Maginnis
James Averill
William Hogan

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The annual inspection of farm animals in Westhampton has been done as required by the Department of Food and Agriculture, Division of Animal Health. The numbers are as follows:

Dairy Cows	195
Dairy Heifers	107
Dairy Calves	83
Bulls	6
Beef Animals	20
Horses	118
Ponies	9
Oxen	6
Sheep	11
Pigs	6
Goats	2
Poultry	approximately 30,000

All the animals appear to be healthy and are well cared for.

Richard H. Tracy
Animal Inspector

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY CARETAKER

Cemetery work consisted of the usual springtime cleanup of leaves, branches, and other debris. Some headstones were straightened up and wheelruts in the cemetery were filled and smoothed over. A new chain link fence was installed during the summer.

There has been an increasing number of evergreen shrubs planted around monuments in the past few years. I hope people realize that it is only a matter of time that such planting will overgrow and engulf the surroundings.

Again in the fall, the raking of leaves, cutting brush, and pruning shrubbery completed the maintenance program.

There were 8 burials; Installed 5 new monuments.

Respectfully submitted,
John A. Warren
Caretaker

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

The youth of Westhampton had the opportunity to participate in basketball, tee-ball, baseball, softball, and soccer programs provided by the Southampton Youth Athletic Association. Teams have also competed in the Easthampton Youth Soccer League under the coaching of Joe Jarmen and Wally Kwolek. Girls have been taught tap, jazz, and ballet at the Town Hall by Cindy Avery Dzieciolowski. Children in grades 1-3 have been learning the basic skills of basketball at the Town Hall during the winter months under the direction of Ken Wood.

During the fall and winter months adult volleyball has been held at Hampshire Regional. Some Westhampton residents have played on the men's softball team in Easthampton.

The Recreation Commission would like to thank all of the volunteers who have, in any way, helped in making the athletic programs in both Westhampton and Southampton such valuable experiences for Westhampton residents.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Wood
Stephen Holt
Daniel Bishop

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTHAMPTON ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL - 1986

The Arts Lottery Council has met several times this year to process applications for funds and assign payments to applicants. It has been a successful year. We co-sponsored the following either in full or partially:

Reading program for the children "Read to the Outer Limits"	by Friends of Westhampton Library
16 mini courses for Westhampton Center School Children	by Westhampton PTO
Puppet show "Dinosaur Rock" for Westhampton Center School Children	by Westhampton Center School
Annual Christmas program "Songs for Christmas" for the town	by Westhampton Singing Society
Children's theater for the children by the children	by Helene Miller
Introduction to "Esperanto" for the 4th graders of the Center School	by Sally Lawton

Funding for the council comes from State funds taken from the Megabucks Lottery. At present we are receiving $750 twice a year. Also, a new program call PASS (Performing Arts Student Series) allots us an additional $500.00.

The Council thanks everyone for their support and we hope the community continues to benefit from these grants.

Council members are appointed by the Selectmen and serve on a voluntary basis.

Cherl Brazeil, Chairperson
Gale Wright, Vice Chairperson
Ann Christenson, Treasurer
Diane Kwolek
Lesley Gibber
Gail Packard
Esther Holway (ex officio)

ANNUAL REPORT - 1986
WESTHAMPTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Westhampton Historical Commission has met regularly during 1986 with many items of business on the agenda.

The Commission thanks Mrs. Pearl Granfield for her gift of the shrubs planted around the museum.

As a part of its 200th anniversary celebration, the Daily Hampshire Gazette invited area towns to share anecdotes from their records. Several items of interest were contributed from Westhampton history prepared by James Bridgman. The Gazette published a special edition of these items from various towns and it may be seen at the Memorial Library.

In May, the Commission presented a program "The Life of Sylvester Judd" given by Edward Lawton.

Members of the Commission have examined and sorted through items that have been stored in the basement of the Town Hall and with permission of the Board of Selectmen have removed some to the Museum.

In September, we voted to take the Town Charter to the Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover to be processed and preserved. Part of the cost will be given by a town resident.

The Museum has been given the first tractor owned by a Westhampton resident. We now have a real need for a large shed to house the tractor and other large items owned by the Commission.

In October, the Commission sponsored an Historical walking tour around a section of Pine Island Lake and Hanging Mountain. About twenty-five people heard a history of the lake as told by Mr. Ernest Allaire.

In the spring, classes from Hampshire Regional School visited the Museum. The fourth grade of the Westhampton Center School toured the Museum in the Fall. Members of Commission acted as hosts during these visits as well as keeping the Museum open during June, July, August and September.

Acid-free storage boxes have been purchased.

Many hours of sorting and cataloging items have been spent by the Commission.

We hope that you will continue to support and encourage these efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Bobala
Esther Holway
Co-Chairpersons
Urena Blakesley, Secretary
Daniel Krug
James Bridgman

AMBIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

With the town center improvements, the inspiration for a committee to create and maintain ambiance was born.

Lyman Snow was named honorary chairman, as he and his late wife, Edith Snow, managed to maintain the flowers and the fountain for all to enjoy.

This year the fountain was cleaned and coated with water-proofing cement by Enace and Robert Lococo, assisted by Gary Anderson.

Last spring, the clean-up and planting committee worked around the fountain and library. Flowers were planted for Memorial Day costing $40.50. The Committee was saddened to see the geraniums crushed under the feet of children jumping off the fountain.

Sid Cole restored the two park benches, in memory of Edith Snow. Sid used oak wood and painted the benches while recovering from surgery, and had just turned 80 years young.

In October, a flowering crab tree was planted in loving memory of Lois Anne, with donations from her many friends.

Mailboxes were regrouped and placed away from the common view.

The Ambiance Committee consists of Ed & Sally Lawton, Ron & Rena Baer, Gary & Liz Anderson, Liz Rinehart, Dot Miller, Lydia Omasta, David Demarey and Helen Clark.

The Ambiance Committee needs donations of time and or money for future flower plantings.

Anyone wishing to make a memorial donation, may contact the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith R. Lococo

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

Looking back over this past year at the record of the Council, we note two hopeful characteristics of our work --- increased attendance at our monthly meetings and a wider appeal to our members through different speaker-guests after meetings. Probably one is a product of the other. Our guest speakers have included experts on Alzheimer's Disease; causes and effects of insomnia among elders; a debate between the candidates for selectperson; a team of leaders from Highland Valley Elder Services; a skilled performer on the harpsichord; our own inimitable soprano soloist and former Secretary of COA, Esther Holway; a trumpet solo by member and octogenarian, Russell Bass; and having the fourth

grade students of Mrs. Piper at Center School as our guests. We also entertained two leading couples from the Middlefield COA at a late winter meeting and were invited to send delegates to one of their late spring meeetings as a consequence.

Possibly the social and cultural highlight of the year was the February concert to which the fourth grade invited our members at Amherst College; the fourth graders and their teacher, Mrs. Piper, planned the affair, issuing us invitations handwritten by the nine and ten year old children, engaging a comfortable bus for the trip from our center to Amherst and back, buying the tickets (with the considerable aid of the cultural funds of Esther Holway's Arts Council for Westhampton), and a jolly trip over and back, chatting with the children who had so thoughtfully invited us to this inspiring classical concert.

My four years as Chairman of the COA are coming to a close this spring, and I want to thank all who have helped make my term fruitful: to Ernest Delisle, our faithful Treasurer; to Jessie Krug, our hard-working and loyal keeper of minutes of Board Meetings; to Louise Jasionkowski, always willing to aid in any enterprise and particularly to take blood pressures and give flu injections; to Stanley Greenberg, our ever-ready representative to Hilltown Transport Services and all-around worker on the Board; and to Edgar Alward, our genial, concerned Board member and all-around helper in the kitchen and as a speaker at meetings after lunch. Both Dot Loud and Evelyn Tracy have been stalwarts always, and their help remembering elders' birthdays and cooking huge repasts for us hungry old folk is especially appreciated. To my wife for her quiet, helpful arranging of flowers before luncheons and her willingness to help in any other manner as needed, I owe my affectionate thanks. To all my fellow members not mentioned but not forgotten, either, thank you; it has been most interesting and educational to serve for and with you. I shall now take my preferred place in the ranks and do what I can to help in years to come.

Gratefully,
Edward M. Lawton, Jr.

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1986 brought the Highway Department its first personnel change in six years. In September Wayne Buzzee left the department to embark on the full time business of operating his automotive repair garage. We will miss Wayne and his mechancial ability but wish him well in his new endeavor. At the same time we were fortunate to hire David Blakesley to fill the vacancy, and hope David will enjoy the work as much as we enjoy his pleasant and easy going attitude.

The 1985-86 winter season was another of minor snow accumulation not causing too much grief. However the end of 1986 and the beginning of 1987 seem to be more normal with substantial amounts of snow and frequent storms. So far our only problems have been with equipment. The 1978 Ford 8000 truck has been down several times with various components of the drive train showing their fatigue. In January of 1986 we purchased a used (1973) Walter Sno-Fighter truck. This gives us a newer four-wheel drive vehicle to replace the 1969 International truck. It has a "wing" for large drifts; and a power angle plow which we intend to use on the bucket loader. Also the mounted sander will supplement the two we already have and put us in real solid condition in that category. I believe the $10,000.00 cost will prove to be a real bargain.

The new, John Deere 544. bucket loader arrived in July and has received smiles of approval from all of the men. All other equipment is kept maintained and in good condition.

The Parking Area Reconstruction was completed and looks very nice. We have been unable to build the retaining walls as originally planned but that should be accomplished in 1987.

The reconstruction of Stage Road continues as we have completed the first section on the East end, and plan to do another section in 1987.

The section of Southampton Road between Stage and Rt. 66 was shimmed and oiled, as was all of Easthampton Road.

The bridge replacement on Rhodes Road was approved under the Massachusetts Bridge Rehabilitation Program. Although this procedure cost us a years time, it will allow a more permanent structure to replace the old wooden bridge. This project should be done in 1987. Other dirt roads are maintained or improved each year as they continue to carry more traffic.

All the regular brush cutting, tree trimming, sweeping, culvert and catch basin cleaning, drainage maintenance, patching, etc. go on as required and we try to make it seem like fun. With your continued support and approval it will be. Thank you.

Richard W. Tracy
Highway Superintendent

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

From January 1, 1986 to February 7, 1987, there were 14 plumbing permits taken and 6 gas permits taken.

Respectfully submitted,
John Dunn

REPORT OF THE SANITATION INSPECTOR

We had a busy year this year with 13 new dwelling permits and 8 repair permits. Some of these will be completed in 1987. I made 14 final inspections and 2 inspections of sanitation systems, to see if tanks were receiving house sanitation flow, and issued statements to that effect to clear house for sale.

I visited 3 more anticipating work permits which are not yet finalized.

We do have several problems we are working on, and expect to solve them this year. I have turned over all fees to our Treasurer. I am going to have a file of all jobs I have worked on, and a cabinet or place to store them in the Town Hall.

This year I traveled 246 miles for calls and Inspector's duties.

Ernest A. Delisle

1986 REPORT OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

The Year 1986 was nearly the same as 1985, with 54 permits issued for new homes, additions, garages, and up-dated services.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard W. Williams
Wiring Inspector

WESTHAMPTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

This has been a great year for the Library in many ways. Our circulation has stayed stable but the number of patrons using the Library increased. We have many new young mothers and fathers bringing their children to the Library. It is nice to see young people interested in reading and learning.

Bookmobile is still with us coming every 6 to 8 weeks with a supply of new books. Our most popular books from them are the large print and the children's books.

In January, Diane Kwolek joined us as Children's Librarian replacing Anita Goddard. She has continued to work with the teachers and children at Center School such as securing books on requested topics from our collection and also from Western MA Regional Library System (WMRLS). In addition she accompanied the teachers to the Library to help the children with book selection and to help check out the books. This is done during the hours that the Library is normally closed. A Book Drop is offered at the Center School where books can be returned for weekly pick-up.

The six week Summer Reading Program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, was offered again with great success and many children read a great many books. Movies were shown once a week with a crafts project afterwards. The Theme, "Read to the Outer Limits" and materials were supplied by the WMRLS. "Mother West Wind", a storyteller, from Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden was the guest performer at the final program and part. The Arts Lottery Council sponsored her presentation.

In the fall the Library offered two Story Hours a week for pre-schoolers. Two Nursery Schools in town, as well as several town preschoolers, participated regularly.

During the fall Mrs. Montague and Mrs. Kwolek attended a computer course at Holyoke Community College for ten weeks. In the spring of this year the Easthampton Rotary Club gave us an AT&T 6300 computer as a gift. Also a gift of a colored screen, printer, second disc drive and software were given to the Library by a family in town. We want to thank all of you for our new Computer Center. It is GREAT!

The biggest change in our Library and a very delightful one came in October. Sidney and Jessie Cole of our town gave us a two story addition, which developed into two rooms. The downstairs room was given by Jessie and Sidney Cole, which will be used as a reference reading room containing all our adult non-fiction books. They also provided the library with a new furnace. In the spring a ramp for the handicapped will be in place at the rear door.

The new upstairs room off the Children's room was given by David and Letitia Cole. Walls were put up, shelving and carpets were put in place throughout the Children's Department. This room will be used for the Children's non-fiction and reference books. In the spring, a fire-escape, from this room, will be secured in place.

The Trustees and the Librarians wish to Thank Both Cole Families for their most generous gifts which will be used by all and all future generations to come.

The Trustees and Librarians wish to thank all the people who gave gifts of money, equipment such as new chairs and other gifts. They also wish to thank all the people and organizations that gave so freely of their time to make this project run smoothly.

For the Record, on October 9th the Trustees voted in favor of the new addition. On October 14th a Special Town Meeting was called and the 31 people who attended voted to accept the addition. On October 15, 1986 ground was broken for the new addition. By December 31st it was well on its way.

While the project was under way the Library's electrical system was upgraded by an anonymous electrician who gave the materials and his labor. The Trustees and Librarians wish to thank him for his most generous offer.

In February of 1987 the main floor of the Library will be sanded with money donated by the BG Mechanical Contracting

Co. The Trustees and Librarians wish to thank them for their gift. When this project of floor sanding is completed, the biggest part of the project will be finished.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Montague (Librarian)
Diane Kwolek (Children's Librarian)

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 1985 - June 30, 1986

TOWN ACCOUNT

Income (7/1/85 through 6/30/86		
Incentative Grant to Libraries	1,250.00	
Supplemental Aid to Libraries	330.00	
Town Appropriation	8,428.70	
County Dog Refund	97.30	
Total		10,106.00
Expenditures (1/1/85 through 6/30/86)		
Books	2,152.52	
Magazines	390.22	
Supplies	384.29	
Librarian	4,185.00	
Assistant Librarian (Children's)	935.10	
Sub. Librarian	134.23	
Fuel	741.27	
Telephone	186.50	
Electric	296.45	
Maintenance	89.62	
Equipment	610.80	10,106.00
No Balance on 6/30/86		
Gifts		
Shane Foundation - Income	200.00	
Shane Foundation - Expenditure	200.00	
No Balance 6/30/86		

LIBRARY - Active Account - 7/1/85 - 6/30/86

Balance - July 1, 1985		
Easthampton Savings		
Bank Book 18016	10.00	
Easthampton Savings HI FI Acct.	8,456.93	
Term Certificate	10,000.00	
Florence NOW Account	73.61	
Balance July 1, 1985		18,540.54
Income - Per cash book 7/1/85 - 6/30/86		
Brownies - Special Books	25.00	
Florence Clapp Memorial Gifts	225.00	
Stanley Bartlett	250.00	
Summer Program '86	20.00	
Misc. Gifts - Books	20.00	
		540.00
Interest - Income		
Closed Savings Account 18106	20.46	
Hi Fi Account	609.51	
Term Certificate	813.01	
Florence NOW Account	3.74	1,446.72
		20,527.26
Expenditures		
Magazines	8.95	
Books	326.01	
Children's Program '85-86	50.00	
Bank Deposit Box Rent	25.50	
Maintenance	1,008.66	
Gifts	70.00	
Equipment	83.44	
Summer Program '86-87	20.00	1,592.56
Balance - June 30, 1986		18,934.70
Cash Book Balance - June 30, 1986		
Savings Hi Fi 01-21-53236	8,685.25	
Term Certificate	10,000.00	
Florence NOW Account	249.45	
		18,934.70

Presidential Silver Ingots are in the Safety Deposit Box at Easthampton Savings Bank.
A gift of an AT & T Computer was received from the Easthampton Rotary Club.

Dorothy Miller
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE WESTHAMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

At the April 15, 1986 meeting, the Westhampton School Committee organized as follows: Thomas Cleary, Chairman and Administrative Advisory Representative; Carolyn Keating, Regional School Representative; Cynthia Hinckley, Secretary and H.E.C. Representative.

During the 1986 calendar year the Center School Committee has put a great deal of effort into implementing parts of the Public School Improvement Act of 1985, designed to improve education in the Commonwealth. In April, state-mandated Assessment Tests were given to Grade 3 to test curricula in math, reading and science. In October, state-mandated Basic Skills Tests were administered in Grades 3 and 6 to test individual student competency in math, reading, and writing. The School Improvement Council, formed in October 1985, was active for the 1985-86 school year. Working with state funds amounting to approximately $1200 ($10 per student) the Council, with School Committee approval, chose to spend $200 for Staff Development and $800-$1000 for a VCR set up. A new School Improvement Council will be formed for the 1986-87 school year to consider the spending of state funds for this year.

The School District decided to apply for Professional Development Grant money (another part of the Public School Improvement Act) designed to increase teacher salaries and other compensation. Our School Committee decided to use part of the money specifically for Professional Development and a portion was given to our professional staff as a bonus. Also, our Committee approved proposals from three teachers for Horace Mann Teacher Grants (increased compensation for expanded responsibilities for training, curriculum development, etc.). Mrs. Jill Lester was granted approval for her proposal to continue her work started this summer in the Mt. Holyoke College Summer Math Program which she will share with the rest of the teachers in the district. This work has included use of the computer by her second graders on a daily basis. Mrs. Joanne Moynahan and Mrs. Priscilla Miller were granted approval for their joint proposal to coordinate inservice programs for Westhampton teachers. Lester will receve $496; Moynahan and Miller will each receive $250.

The five towns comprising our School District have been spending considerable time studying the pros and cons of full regionalization. In our School District this would mean Grades 7-12 as they are now at the Regional High School and through Grade 6 remaining at the individual local schools. By fully regionalizing, all five towns would receive increase reimbursements from the state and 100% reimbursement for transport-

ation costs. A subcommittee was formed in October 1986 composed of School Committee members from all five towns in the District and the Regional School Committee. This subcommittee was charged by the Union/Region Committee with the responsibility of writing an agreement between the towns of Chesterfield, Goshen, Southampton, Westhampton, and Williamsburg with respect to the foundation of a Regional School District. This agreement will be presented to the Union/Region Committee in January 1987.

The School Committee recognizes a definite need for more space at the Center School. The Committee feels the lack of space in many ways limits the educational programs we could provide for the students. Notification from the state citing inadequate Special Education space further reinforced this opinion. The School Committee met with the Selectmen on July 21, 1986, to ask that a Building Needs Committee be established. The Building Needs Committee was formed that evening with Cynthia Hinckley on the newly formed Committee representing the School Committee. Working with the Building Needs Committee and the Building Committee (should the Town approve such a Committee) has become a goal of the School Committee.

In an effort to better understand curricula at the Center School, the School Committee asked that each classroom teacher write an outline of the work to be covered in each curriculum area for the 1986-87 school year. These outlines were also sent home to parents. To further understand the educational process, the School Committee has decided to periodically invite the professional staff to its meetings to discuss various educational topics. The first meeting was November 18, 1986. At this time the teachers discussed "how they deal with the more capable students in the classroom".

The School Committee voted to do the following maintenance work on the Center School building (completed in the summer of 1986):

Replace hallway tile — Repair roof
Paint exterior of school — Install gates for driveways

The Committee increased art instruction to once a week in an effort to further enrich the program for the students of Center School.

In other business, the Committee voted to continue the Fluoride Rinse Program for 1986-87. We have 80% student participation in the program. The Committee accepted Mr. Eugene Callahan's request for a one year leave of absence and approved the Administration's recommendation for a 6% increase in salary rates of all personnel for FY '87.

We renewed our contract with the Westhampton Congregational Church for FY '87 with a monthly rent of $175 (up $25 from FY '86). The Committee voted to act as the financial and fiscal agent for the Pre-School Integrated Day Program for FY '87 and made the following Special Education Pre-K Program Staff appointments: Robin Gurdak, teacher; Pamela Sico, aide.

In our final business for 1986, the Committee voted to raise the price of school lunches from $.75 to $.80 effective January 5, 1987, to make the lunch program self-supporting.

We would like to express our thanks to the excellent teaching staff, all the community volunteers, and all others who have helped in our school system.

Regular meetings of the Westhampton School Committee are held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at the Center School. Anyone wishing to discuss school matters with the Committee is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Cleary
Cynthia Hinckley
Carolyn Keating

REPORT OF THE BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

The Building Needs Committee was appointed by the Board of Selectmen 21 July 1986 and presented its report to them 26 January 1987. The recommendations and summary which follow are pages one and two of the report. The full report is available at the Memorial Library and from the Town Clerk.

The report that follows is not brief. We have made an effort to discuss all the issues related to the decision of what to do about the Center School. The heart of the report, however, is sections six through twelve; we encourage everybody to read those sections, at least. We present here the recommendations from section twelve and a summary of the report.

The Building Needs Committee recommends:

1) That Westhampton proceed without further delay to build a new and complete elementary school structure on a new site, with the characteristics described in sections eight and ten of this report.

2) Toward this end, that Westhampton authorize the appointment of a Building Committee and the appropriation of $25,000 for that Building Committee for the fiscal year starting 1 July 1987 for the purpose of planning a new and complete

elementary school structure on a new site, as described in sections nineteen and twenty of this report.

In the first three sections of the report we analyze the growth of Westhampton over the past quarter-century. Population slightly more than doubled from 1960 to 1986. Elementary school enrollment slightly more than doubled from 1960 to 1976, and has remained roughly level since then. Population is now 1,242 persons and enrollment 124 students. Real and personal property valuation and taxation increased much more rapidly than population. Average annual compound growth rates have been 2.9% for population, 14.9% for valuation, and 11.0% for taxation. In the 1980's, however, population has grown at only 1.5% per year and taxation at only 5.7% per year.

In sections four and five we project future enrollment and describe the educational program, because the two factors that determine how much space is needed are enrollment, present and future, and the program. In order to estimate future enrollment we must first estimate future population. We forecast population ranges of 1,388 to 1,440 persons in 1991 and 1,441 to 1,669 persons in 1996. We forecast enrollment ranges of 120 to 158 students in 1991 and 130 to 184 students in 1996. The educational program includes regular classroom instruction in grades kindergarten through six, a preschool program, art, music, physical education, a hot-lunch program, nursing care, and special educational services on a needs-required basis for children with learning disabilities and difficulties. The immediate impetus to conduct this study was a citation from the Department of Education for inadequate space for special education.

In sections six, seven, and eight we describe the Center School, state guidelines for elementary school facilities, and the elementary school facilities that we think would be appropriate for Westhampton. The Center School has 5,850 square feet of functional area. An appropriate school would have between 14,500 and 19,800 square feet. The Center School lacks a preschool room, kindergarten classroom, special education room, health room, teachers' lounge, workroom, and restroom, art/music room, library, cafetorium, and gymnasium, at a minimum. Four of its six classrooms are flawed.

The problem identified in section nine and elaborated in section ten is first, that the Center School certainly has less than one-half and possibly less than one-third as much space as an appropriate school should have; second, that the Center School site is too small, too close to the road, not level enough, and not open enough; and third, that the Center School is completely inaccessible to handicapped persons.

Sections eleven, twelve, and thirteen propose alternative solutions to the problem, select as the best alternative building a new structure on a new site, present the recommendations quoted above, and discuss all the deficiencies of the alternative solutions that we rejected. Building a new structure on a new site would be far superior to building a new structure on the present site or building an addition to the Center School. A new structure on a new site is needed for the present enrollment and program, but would also accommodate future enrollment and program.

In sections fourteen and fifteen we examine the cost of a new structure on a new site. Net area of 14,500 to 19,800 square feet translates into gross area of 18,125 to 25,740 square feet. Construction costs of $1,450,000 to $2,700,000. The costs of land, site development, and various fees bring the project cost to a total of $1,780,000 to $3,424,000.

In sections sixteen and seventeen we address the question of how Westhampton would finance the construction of a new structure on a new site. The Department of Education, through the School Building Assistance Bureau, would reimburse 60% of the cost of construction, excluding land, but including interest expense. The Town might be able to finance the remaining 40% of the cost through the savings from full regionalization. If full regionalization is not approved, and the Town has to increase taxes, the increase will probably be at least 8.7%, three percentage points higher than the annual increase in taxes in the 1980's but only one-half the annual increase in taxes in the 1960's. Furthermore, in fiscal year 1990 the H.R.H.S. construction bond will be paid off, leaving the Town as much as half the money it needs for annual payments on an elementary school bond, and reducing the tax increase required proportionately.

Sections eighteen, nineteen, and twenty describe the work of the Building Needs Committee, the work of a Building Committee, and the schedule of the entire process. A new structure on a new site probably could not be occupied before September 1989.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel A. Pascone,
Chairman
Cynthia J. Hinckley,
Secretary
Mary P. Montague
Lorraine Tunstall
Edward R. Cooper

1985-86

WESTHAMPTON

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Grade	1984	1985	1986
Pre-school	1	0	14
K	21	23	19
1	18	20	19
2	20	16	18
3	15	19	18
4	17	13	18
5	23	21	13
6	20	21	19
	135	133	138
Vocational Schools	11	9	6
Total under Westhampton School Committee	146	142	144
Total under Hampshire Regional School Committee	113	122	121+1
Total in Public Schools	259	264	265+1

Based upon pupil enrollment data recorded as of each October 1st, the six (6) cooperating school systems share the costs of employing a common superintendent of schools and a common central administrative office and staff. The following statistics show how the responsibility for these costs has varied over a three (3) year period:

	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
Chesterfield (K-6)	6.0%	7.0%	6.9%
Goshen (K-6)	4.1%	4.0%	4.3%
Hampshire Regional (7-12)	45.0%	44.7%	45.5%
Southampton (K-6)	26.0%	25.0%	23.7%
Westhampton (K-6)	7.9%	8.4%	8.3%
Williamsburg (K-6)	11.0%	10.9%	11.3%
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

School Department personnel who left the employment of the Town during 1986 include:

Mrs. Ilene Lorow	Special Education Secretary
Mr. Eugene Callahan	Teacher (Leave-of-absence)
Mrs. Janie Fisher	Cafeteria

Personnel newly employed during 1986:

Mrs. Alene Noonan	Special Education Secretary
Ms. Pamela Sico	Pre-School Aide
Ms. Robin Gurdak	Pre-School Teacher
Ms. Sally Cary	Tutor
Mrs. Cecile Lampson	Cafeteria

WESTHAMPTON
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
July 1, 1985 - June 30, 1986

Appropriations 7/1/85 - 6/30/85	$336,000.00
84 - 85 Encumbrances	16,631.16
Chapter I	1,137.00
	$353,768.16
Expended Appropriations	318,208.66
Expended 84 - 85 Encumbrances	16,631.16
Expended Chapter I	1,137.00
85 - 86 Encumbrances	15,857.73
Balance	$ 1,933.61

EXPENDITURES
ADMINISTRATION

Professional Salaries	$ 8,324.94	
Clerical Salaries	4,199.49	
Office Expense	961.52	
Other Expense	568.37	
Insurance	107.48	
Hampshire Educational Collaborative	670.00	
School Committee Expense	26.61	
		$ 14,858.41

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Professional Salaries	$ 2,483.64	
Clerical Salaries	1,113.84	
Office Expense	113.38	
Teachers	22,207.45	
Classroom Supplies	46.00	
Textbooks	15.23	
Audio Visual	22.25	
Psychologist Expense	692.30	
Other Expense	111.69	
		$ 26,825.78

INSTRUCTION

Salaries	$176,325.00	
Classroom Supplies	6,241.00	
Textbooks	4,810.69	
		$187,376.69
Library		628.32
Audio Visual		584.84
Other Expense		862.30
Health Expense		143.18
Cafeteria		3,048.24
Rental of Building		1,700.00
Equipment		2,788.75
Chapter I		1,137.00

TRANSPORTATION

Elementary	$ 24,577.59	
Vocational	5,036.40	
		$ 29,613.99
Vocational Tuition		$ 33,076.72

MAINTENANCE

Salaries	$ 5,954.60	
Supplies	1,610.57	
Fuel	4,074.12	
Utilities	5,422.41	
Maintenance	15,954.40	
Maintenance to Equipment	316.50	
		$ 33,332.60
		$335,976.82
Encumbered for Summer Pay		15,857.73
Total Expended		$351,834.55

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1986 TOWN REPORT

I am happy to report that there is a renewed spirit of interest, concern, enthusiasm and support for our schools throughout the five town school district. This is evidenced by the increased participation of community leaders, educators and community people in the numerous school related projects continued or initiated in fiscal 1986.

There have been numerous committees working on plans for remodeling the renovation of facilities with many projects completed during FY '86 and more projects being planned for the next three years. The State's financial incentives have helped us to seriously consider these projects but the final reality rests with our communities and their desire to provide a healthy and safe environment for our young children.

We have also witnessed an increased participation in the development of Federal and State Grant Programs going from 15 in FY '85 to 45 projects in FY '86. These new grants have increased our abilities to assess student achievement, evaluate curriculum, improve teachers' salaries, purchase new material, and improve school facilities. These projects involved many people within the educational community working together and have been one of the major contributing factors to the recommitment to our schools.

We look forward to FY '87 with much optimism as we continue to work cooperatively for the improvement of the educational opportunities for our communities.

Personnel who left the employ of the District during 1986 included:

Ilene Lorow	Special Education Secretary
Frederick Rugg	Guidance Director
Deborah Boehner	Teacher
Anne Corbett	Aide
Diane Parker	Teacher
Julie Holt	Teacher
Wendy McClaflin	Library Aide
Joyce Robarge	Teacher
Irwin Brakey	Custodian

Personnel newly employed in 1986 include:

Alene Noonan	Special Education Secretary
Dorrin Beaudin	Guidance Counselor
Virginia Elliot	Teacher
Deborah Saloio	Teacher
Anne Corbett	Aide
Tammie Warriner	SPED Aide
Ron Hollar	Tutor
Mary Wilson	Library Aide
Gary Powers	Custodian

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

1986

The student enrollment figures for the District recorded as of October 1, 1986, were as follows:

Grade	Chesterfield	Goshen	Southampton	Westhampton	Williamsburg	Total
7	19	10	55	25	27	136
8	17	13	61	18	35	144
9	15	8	54	23	22	122
10	18	4	56+1	25+1	23	126+2
11	5	10	69	9	22	115
12	8	10	77	21	15+1	131+1
HRHS	82	55	372+1	121+1	141+1	774+3

	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
Chesterfield	8.526%	7.969%	8.440%	10.438%
Goshen	8.283	8.355	7.417	7.088
Southampton	52.862	52.314	50.384	48.066
Westhampton	12.789	14.524	15.601	15.722
Williamsburg	17.540	16.838	18.158	18.686
	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	'00.000%

REPORT OF THE HRHS COMMITTEE

The Hampshire Regional School Committee during the calendar year, 1986, has focused on the establishment of particular goals, which are: communication with our communities; appropriate action in response to the Evaluation Report for the High School; our financial situation. At the end of the year, we will evaluate our progress.

Communication with our communities includes the budget process which engenders the most response from towns' people; the district-wide study of K-12 regionalization has also brought interested people to the meetings. School committee members attended town finance committee meetings during the development of the FY '87 budgets, and expect to repeat that participation for FY '88.

The Evaluation Report is long and involved. At this time we are concerned with the curricular implications of the report. The committee also recognizes an expected decline in student numbers and is studying ways to continue providing our students with a broad education under the shrinking financial support consequent to reduced numbers.

We are proud of student achievement in many areas. We are dedicated to the continuation of educational opportunities which will encourage the growth of our students. This year, Hampshire Regional High School students have taken particular initiative and achieved distinction in subject areas across the entire curriculum. An entry in the Boston Globe Scholarship Art Award Contest resulted in a Gold Key Award. The newly organized Future Business Leaders of America took excellent initiative in our school program, developing activities of value for the entire school. Five history students who participated in the Western Mass. Regional History Day Competition were selected to enter in the State-Wide History Day event. Our student newspaper, "Here's Hampshire", has grown to a multi-page edition. Through the generous fund raising efforts of a parent group, the paper is now mailed home to each student's family. Our athletes consistently play at the championship level. The ongoing support of the Athletic Booster Club is greatly appreciated as it effectively assists inthe continuation of our sports program. Seven students received Letters of Commendation for their performance on the National Merit Scholarship Tests, indicating a high level of learning, actually occurring in our students. Many students participated in the school variety show, which along with the Music Awards, is supported by the Music Booster Club.

Funding for our educational program is shared by the State and our towns. The committee is actively pursuing a more equitable State commitment to predictable and fair funding. A further commitment of the committee in financial areas is the study of K-12 Regionalization through which an approximate $900,000 of new money in addition to our present reimbursements could become available to the Hampshire Regional School District as a whole.

The on-going work of the school committee has included the development of a policy on Senior Privileges; on admitting children into the school with AIDS; of the dispensing of non-prescription medication; on including the names of absentee graduates in the list of graduates read on Graduation night. Two resignations of long term employees were accepted with regret, those of Dr. Theodore K. Selkirk, and Mr. Frederick Rugg. The School Committee oversaw the institution of honors courses in the Science Department. For the benefit of our college bound students, a system of weighing course grades was developed to indicate on students' transcripts, the kind of course in which the grade was earned. A new position of Computer Coordinator has been described for FY '88, to be filled by existing faculty on a small part-time basis. The intent of this position is to facilitate organizing the rapidly expanding computer area.

The Committee was pleased with the High School Administration's inauguration of an Open House in early October which, we hope, will become an annual event. We are also pleased with the recognition given to four of our teachers. Mrs. Virginia Ahart was accepted as a History Fellow in the Five College/Public School Partnership Program. Mr. Earl Tonet was made an Honorary Member of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials. Mrs. Johna Merritt was granted a fellowship by the National Endowment of Humanities. Mr. James Salisbury won a scholarship for summer study in Italy from the Classical Association of New England.

Presently, education is under serious scrutiny nation-wide, from kindergarten through the college years. Matters of curriculum. declining enrollment, finances, and job training are topics on the minds of those concerned. These are large issues for us all. We look for the continued support of our communities to deal with these challenges.

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1985 through June 30, 1986

Part I	Balance Sheet
Part II	Debt Accounts
Part III	Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures
Part IV	Statement of Cash Receipts & Disbursements
Part V	Statement of Surplus Revenue

I

BALANCE SHEET

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
JUNE 30, 1986

ASSETS

Cash	148,709.80
Admin. Revolv. Fund	1,502.81
Net Funded (Fixed) Debt	795,000.00
	$945,212.61

LIABILITIES

Blue Cross/Shield	4,172.43
Valley Health Plan	213.50
Medical West	41.96
Insurance	94.56
M T A Credit Union	203.60
Washington National Insurance	59.56
Accident Insurance Program	29.16
Surplus Revenue	48,345.03
PL94-142	6,354.27
PL-874	1,167.57
Chap. II	124.00

Voc Ed-Computer	109.07
PL-942 Early Child'd	5,655.50
Cafeteria Revolving Fund	13,313.52
Lost & Damaged Texts	144.88
Athletic Revolving Account	348.29
Booster Club	2,451.25
No. 2000 (1985-86)	64,949.12
No. 3000 (1985-86)	2,165.84
No. 4000 (1985-86)	269.50
Loan No. 2	20,000.00
Loan No. 4	775,000.00
	$945,212.61

II

DEBT ACCOUNT

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
JUNE 30, 1986

Net Funded or Fixed Debit:

School Bonds: 1967-87 Int. Rate 55% (Loan No. 2)	20,000.00
School Bonds: 1970-89 Int. Rate 6.5% (Loan No. 4)	775,000.00
	795,000.00

Serial Loans:

School Planning: Interest Payable June 15, & December 15 - Principal Payable December 15.	20,000.00
School Construction Interest Payable April 1 & October 1, - Principal Payable October 1.	775,000.00
	795,000.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1986

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BUDGETED JULY 1, 85 JUNE 30 86	TRANSFERRED FROM SURPLUS TO BUDGET JULY 1, 85 JUNE 30, 86	EXPENDED JULY 1, 85- JUNE 30, 86	ENCUMBERED SUMMER PAYROLL	BALANCE JUNE 30, 86
1000	Administration	88,924.00		89,585.31		-661.31
2000	Instruction	1,848,663.00		1,781,183.67	64,949.12	2530.21
3000	Other School Services	255,935.00		253,068.37	2,165.84	700.79
4000	Operation of Plant	221,832.00	9,852.00	231,070.79	269.50	343.71
5000	Fixed Charges	167,910.00		153,956.11		13,953.89
7000	New Equipment	31,765.00		37,548.69		-5,783.69
8000	Debt Retirement & Service	262,963.00		262,962.50		0.50
9000	Programs w|Other Districts	99,252.00	2,317.16	68,343.70		33,225.46
		2,977,244.00	12,169.16	2,877,719.14	67,384.46	44,309.56

IV

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS
HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1986

CASH ON HAND JULY 1, 1985		110,086.21
RECEIPTS:		
ASSESSMENT REVENUE:		
Chesterfield	121,658.00	
Goshen	127,551.00	
Southampton	798,647.00	
Westhampton	221,729.00	
Williamsburg	257,056.00	
		1,526,641.00
INTEREST EARNED:		26,411.87
STATE & FEDERAL PAYMENTS & PRIVATE GRANTS		
CH. 645 (Construction Grants)	122,878.36	
CH. 70 (School Aid)	498,620.00	
CH. 71 (Regional Aid)	487,865.00	
CH. 71 (Transportation Reimburse.)	167,525.00	
CH. 76 (Sped Transport. Reimburse.)	5,304.00	
CH. 11	5,834.00	
P. L. 89-113 (Ch. 750)	5,739.57	
P. L. 94-142 VOC OP	3,240.00	
P. L. 94-142 1986	44,506.00	
P. L. 94-142 Early Child'd	6,000.00	
State Wards	16,819.00	
Other Grants		1,372,274.43
CAFETERIA REVOLVING FUND		
Lunch Reciepts	92,370.14	
State Reimbursements	5,371.57	
Federal Reimbursements	18,380.91	
Meals Tax	211.98	
		116,334.60

OTHER REVOLVING FUNDS		
Athletic Funds	3,288.25	
Admin. Rev. Fund	123,254.36	
Lost & Damaged Textbook Fund	981.18	
Custodial Overtime Fund	83.56	
Booster Club	8,348.00	
		135,955.35
TEMPORARY LOAN		250,000.00
EMPLOYEE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS		
Federal Withholding Tax	255,191.80	
State Withholding Tax	93,808.22	
Hampshire Cty. Retirement	20,480.44	
Mass. Teacher's Retirement	95,392.55	
Annuities	46,715.04	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	35,315.67	
Valley Health Plan	1,615.21	
Aetna Insurance	623.38	
Medical West Health Plan	988.90	
MTA Dues	15,860.00	
MTA Credit Union Deposits	22,372.70	
Washington Nat. Insurance	357.36	
Accident Insurance	174.96	
United Way	84.00	
		588,980.23
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS		
Copies - Records	220.97	
Transcripts	89.00	
Pay Telephone	92.94	
Vandalism	157.80	
Tuition	2,349.90	
Activity Fees	5,050.00	
Building Use	44.00	
Workmen's Comp	1,363.57	
Jury Duty	56.00	
Refunds	599.28	
Direct Payment - Blue Cross Blue Shield	7,992.07	
Direct Payment - Aetna Ins.	255.33	
		18,270.86
TOTAL RECEIPTS		4,034,868.34
TOTAL BALANCE & RECEIPTS		4,144,954.55

DISBURSEMENTS

EMPLOYEE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Federal Withholding Tax	255,191.80	
State Withholding Tax	93,808.22	
Hampshire Cty Retirement	20,480.44	
Mass. Teacher's Retirement	49,043.04	
Annuities	95,392.55	
Blue Cross/Shield	43,230.29	
Valley Health Plan	1,577.63	
Aetna Insurance	864.65	
MTA Dues	15,860.00	
MTA Credit Union Deposits	22,423.60	
Washington Nat. Ins.	353.76	
Accident Insurance Plan	174.96	
Medical West Plan	1,077.22	
United Way	84.00	
		599,562.16

TOWARD DEBT SERVICE

57,962.50

TOWARD DEBT RETIREMENT

205,000.00

TEMPORARY LOAN PAYMENT

250,000.00

PAYMENTS FROM GRANTS

P.L. 98-254 Voc Ed.	5,459.93	
P.L. 89-313 (Ch. 750) 1985	1,248.15	
P.L. 89-313 (Ch. 750) 1986	5,739.57	
P.L. 97-35 (Block Grant 86)	5,834.00	
P.L. 94-142-1985	8,076.54	
P.L. 94-142-1986	38,151.73	
G.T.E.	14,970.00	
Misc. Grants	6,696.89	
		86,176.81

PAYMENTS FROM THE REVOLVING FUND

Cafeteria	107,601.45	
Custodian Overtime	83.56	
Athletic	1,822.35	
Lost & Damaged Texts	956.30	
Adm. Rev. Acct	124,165.04	
Booster Club	5,896.75	
		240,525.45

MEALS TAX		211.98
OPERATING COSTS		
No. 1000 Administration	89,585.31	
No. 2000 Instruction	1,703,419.67	
No. 3000 Other School Services	245,743.37	
No. 4000 Maintenance	215,892.79	
No. 5000 Fixed Charges	153,956.11	
No. 7000 Equipment	16,848.69	
No. 9000 Programs with other Districts	66,026.54	
No. 2000 Instruction 1984-85	59,051.16	
No. 3000 Other School Services 1984-85	3,965.04	
No. 9000 Programs with other Districts 1984-85	2,317.17	
		2,556,805.85
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		3,996,244.75
CASH ON HAND, JUNE 30, 1985		148,709.80
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & CASH, JUNE 30, 1986		4,144,954.55

V

STATEMENT OF SURPLUS REVENUE
JULY 1, 1985 - JUNE 30, 1986

GENERAL FUND SURPLUS, JULY 1, 1985		13,176.94
LESS: Transfer from Surplus During the 1985-86 Fiscal Year		
1) To pay 84185 "Old Bill" No. 9000 Acc't Aug. 85'	2,317.16	
2) To pay 84185 "Old Bill" No. 4000 Acc't Aug. 85'	9,852.00	
3) To pay 84185 "Old Bill" No. 2000 Acc't May 86'	260.00	
TOTAL TRANSFERRED FROM SURPLUS 1985-86 BUDGET YEAR		12,429.16
PLUS:		
1) From Budget Acc'ts to Surplus	44,309.56	
2) From Estimated Receipts to Surplus	3,287.69	
Total Transferred to Surplus 1985-86 Budget Year		47,597.25
BALANCE - GENERAL FUND SURPLUS June 30, 1986 @		48,345.03

JAMES R. FREEBOURN
TREASURER

PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL 1988

ACCOUNT	ACTUAL 1987	PROPOSED 1988
Assessors	17,225	18,520
Board of Health (Includes Dump)	4,216	10,675
Cemetery	1,450	1,550
Civil Defense	1	1
Assessors Sectry	500	500
Selectmans Sectry	550	550
Census Taker	250	250
Constable	10	10
Conservation Comm.	25	25
Council on Aging	700	400
Counsel Fees	1,500	1,500
County Retirement	9,920	10,371
Dog Officer	75	75
Dutch Elm	1	177.31
Fire Chief & Forest Warden	500	500
Fire Department	2,000	4,200
Group Insurance	17,000	21,500
Historical Commission	300	300
Insurance & Bonds	30,000	40,000
Interest on TemporaryLoans	10,000	10,000
Land Damage	50	15,000
Memorial Day	0	100
Police Chief	500	500
Police Department	6,500	9,290
Postage & Telephone	3,200	3,200
Printing & Supplies	2,500	3,700
Recreation	100	350
Reserve Fund	5,000	10,000
Town Hall	1,500	2,500
Town Officers	13,150	13,300
Travel Expense	1,000	2,000
Veterans	1	2,500
Highway Salaries	62,700	65,500
Holidays	1,560	1,791
Vacation Pay	2,898	2,370
Bridges & Railings	1,000	2,000
Highway Materials	43,000	60,000
Road Machinery	14,000	18,000
Road Machinery Fuel	7,000	7,500
Road Machinery Building	2,600	6,200
Snow Removal	20,000	22,000
Mandatory Medicare		900
Treasurer's Expense		600
Circuit Rider		3,150

ARTICLES	ACTUAL 1987	PROPOSED 1988
ARTICLE 5: HRHS	297,577.00	316,464.00
ARTICLE 6: Center School	325,000.00	343,743.00
ARTICLE 7: Vocational	40,556.00	67,638.00
ARTICLE 8: School Bldg. Needs		25,000.00
ARTICLE 11: Unemployment	3,500.00	3,500.00
ARTICLE 12: Library	10,106.00	11,116.00
ARTICLE 13: Pickup Payment	3,290.52	3,290.52
ARTICLE 15: Snow Plows		8,000.00
ARTICLE 16: Highway Radios		1,600.00
ARTICLE 17: Radio Equipment, Fire		2,300.00
ARTICLE 18: Outfit Forestry Truck		4,000.00
ARTICLE 19: Ambulance Retainer		3,000.00
ARTICLE 20: Historical Building		4,000.00
(OTHER ARTICLES FROM FY 1987)	8,050.00	
SUBTOTAL ARTICLES	$688.079.52	$793,651.52
TOTAL BUDGET	$972,561.52	$1,167,206.83

ARTICLES ON THE WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
April 18, 1987

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act on all reports presented at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To elect by ballot necessary officers to serve the ensuing year, and vote on Questions Number One and Two.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to leave the care of the highways in charge of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 4: To vote in compliance with Section 108, Chapter 41 G.L. which requires that salaries of elected officials be fixed by vote of the Town.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, $316,464.00 to meet Westhampton's share of Hampshire Regional School District's assessment for Fiscal 1988, or any lesser sum as may be certified by the District provided that any such certification shall be made prior to the establishment of the tax rate, and to meet this appropriation, $316,464.00 be raised by taxation, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide, $343,743.00 for Center School, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto..

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide, the sum of $67,638.00 for Vocational expenses, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to have the Selectmen appoint a nine member Building Committee and raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of $25,000.00 for that Building Committee for the purpose of planning a new and complete elementary school structure on a new site, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges in the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1987 and ending June 30, 1988, and to issue a note or notes that may be given for the period of less than one year in accordance with Section 4 and 17 of Chapter 44, G.L. of Mass. or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or ortherwise provide $3,500.00 to

hold in anticipation of unemployment benefits for Town employees. In accordance with Chapter 151A of the General Laws of Massachusetts

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $11,116.00 to the Library for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 1987 and to meet this appropriation, vote to transfer $1,250.00 from 1986 Library Incentive Grant for Free Public Libraries; $438.46 from Municipal Equalization Grant; $330.00 from Additional State Aid to Free Public Librariers; $246.44 from County Dog Refund; and raise by taxation, $8,851.10.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of $3,290.52 for the their payment of the five year lease-payment purchase of the pick-up for the highway department, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C, as enacted by Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, which has to do with real estate exemptions for elderly persons, to commence with fiscal year 1988, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purchase of 2 snow plows for the highway department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purchase of 2 radios for the highway department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money to purchase a radio and pagers for the Five Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money to purchase a portable pump and related equipment to equip the Forestry Truck of the Fire Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide the sum of $3,000.00 to help cover the cost of ambulance service from the Town of Southampton, for Fiscal 1988 or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide $4,000.00 for the purpose of building an addition to the Blacksmith Shop Museum to store large machinery, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by amending Section II B No. 25 in its entirety to read:

"Public Right of Way. The entire strip of land acquired for or dedicated to the use of a public way whether it be town, county, or state, also a way shown on definitive plan of a subdivision of land which has been approved by the Planning Board and is on file at the Registry of Deeds."

Insert a new No. 25a
"Street or Roadway. That portion of a Public Right of Way which is designed and prepared for vehicular traffic."

Amend Senction II B No. 15 by striking the word "street right of way" and substituting for them "public right of way."

Amend Section II B No. 16 by striking the words "street right of way" and substituting for them "public right of way."

Amend Section II B No. 21 by striking the words "right of way line of a public way" and substituting for them "public right of way" and by striking the word "line" and substituting for it "public right of way."

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by adding to it as Section II B No. 27:

"Bed and Breakfast. A Bed and Breakfast is a Boarding House in which rooms are rented with breakfast and in which no other meals are served for a fee. Rooms may be rented to the same person or persons by the Bed and Breakfast for no more than sixty (60) days per year. No Bed and Breakfast shall have more than 4 rooms to rent, nor shall any one room be rented by more than 3 unrelated people. If a Bed and Breakfast has more than two rooms to rent, it shall have separate toilet and washing facilities for its customers."

Section IV A shall be amended to add "11. Bed and Breakfast."

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to correct the Zoning By-law by striking the parenthesis in Section IV A No. 3 and restating that section as follows:

"Hospital, Sanitorium, Convalescent Home, or Boarding House."

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by adding Section IV B No. 10:

"Conversion of a garage or barn into a single family dwelling as an accessory use to the main structure."

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by amending Section V C No. 1 in its entirety to read:

"No building will be erected within twenty (20) feet of an abutter's property line and all building lots will consist of a minimum frontage of (250) two hundred and fifty contiguous feet on a public right of way and contain a minimum of (50,000) fifty thousand square feet."

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by adding Section V C No. 4 which will read:
"No topography, vegetation, signs, walls or fences which interfere with traffic visibility at

any point within thirty-five (35) feet of the intersection of 2 or more streets or roadways will be allowed. Any object within this area must be approved by the Board of Selectmen before its installation."

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by amending Section V E No. 1 in its entirety to read:

"Display of one permanent sign accessory to a permitted use, not to exceed twenty (20) square feet in area shall be permitted on the same lot as the permitted use."

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by amending Section V F No. 4 in its entirety to read:

"That the entire junk yard be fenced with a solid board or solid metal fence or a solid buffer of evergreen plantings at least six (6) feet high."

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 7 of the General By-laws by adding to it as Section 7-9-2:

7-9-2 Leash Law

(a) No person owning a dog shall permit such dog to be at large in town, elsewhere than on the premises of the owner or keeper except if it be on the premises of another person with the knowledge and permission of such other person. An owner or keeper of a dog which is not on the premises of the owner or upon the premises of another person with the knowlege and permission of such person shall be required to have said dog under his complete control at all times.

(b) In any prosecution the presence of such dog at large upon premises other than the premises of the owner or keeper of such dog shall be prima facie evidence that such knowledge and permission was not had.

(c) This by-law shall not apply to licensed hunting dogs owned by a licensed hunter while engaged in the sport of hunting or while training for such hunting.

(d) The Board of Selectmen shall enforce or provide for the enforcement of this by-law.

(e) Any person who violates this by-law shall be liable to a penalty of $20.00 for each violation.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 7 of the General By-laws by adding to it Section 7-11-1:

Section II Building Numbering

7-11-1 The Board of Selectmen is authorized to assign street numbers to all buildings located within the town, which numbers shall thereafter be affixed by the owners on said building or mailbox or near the line of a public or private way on which such structures are located.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 7 of the General By-laws by adding to it as Section 7-12-1:

Section 12 Unregistered Automobiles & Trucks

7-12-1 The keeping of more than one unregistered automobile or truck, assembled or disassembled, except by a person permitted under State Law, on any premises shall not be permitted unless the said automobiles or trucks are stored within an enclosed building or otherwise out of sight of all abutters and public ways.

A permit to keep more than one unregistered automobile on any premises not within an enclosed building or otherwise out of sight of all abutters and public ways may be granted by the Board of Selectment, if it finds that such keeping (1) is in harmony with the general purposes and intent of this by-law; (2) will not adversely affect the neighborhood; and (3) will not be a nuisance.

All such permits granted shall limit the number of unregistered automobiles and trucks to be kept on the premises by the permit holder, shall not run with the land and shall be limited to a reasonable length of time.

This article shall not apply to motor vehicles which are designed and used for farming, or to motor vehicles which are used on a seasonal basis for business or recreational purposes.

An application for a permit may be made at any regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting, and must be accepted or rejected on or before the fifth meeting after the application is submitted. The Selectmen must notify all abutters of any such application. The Selectmen may set a fee for such an application.

Whoever violates any provisions of this Section of the By-law shall be liable to a penalty of five dollars ($5.00) per day for each day of violation, commencing ten days following receipt of written notice from the Board of Selectmen.